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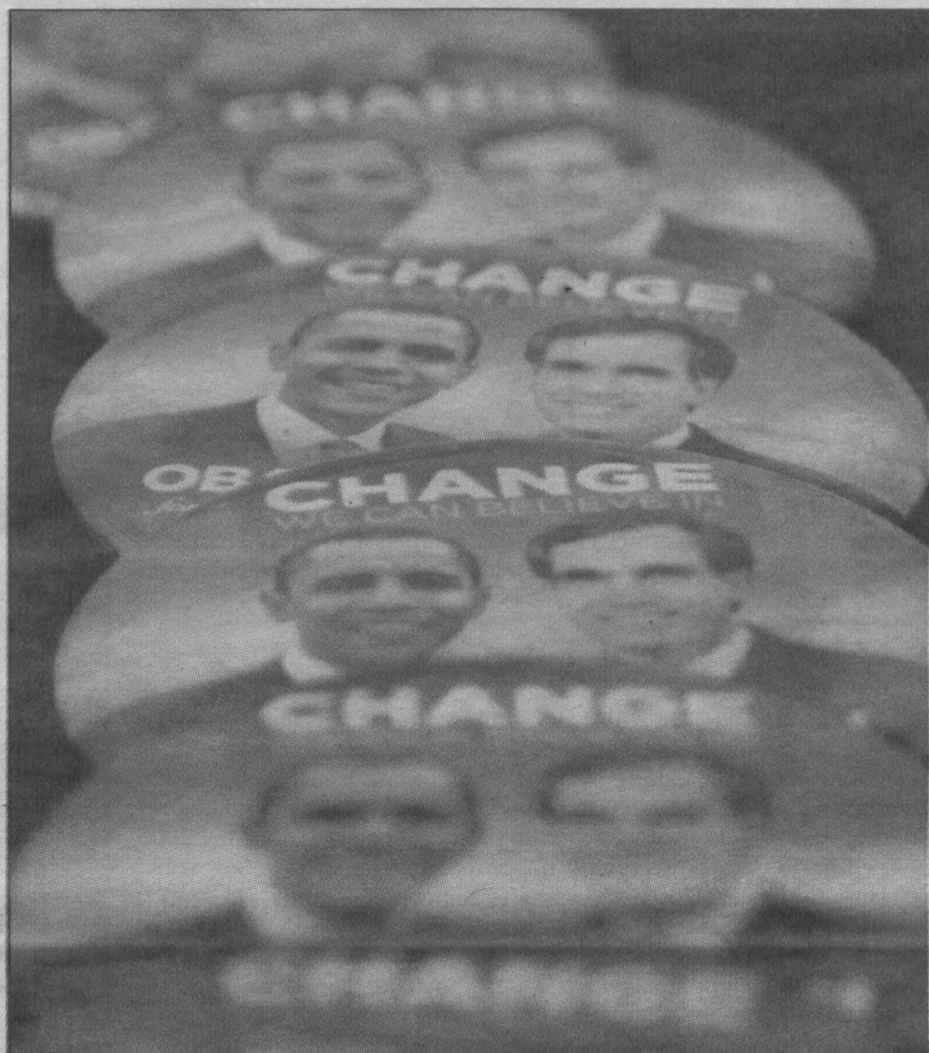
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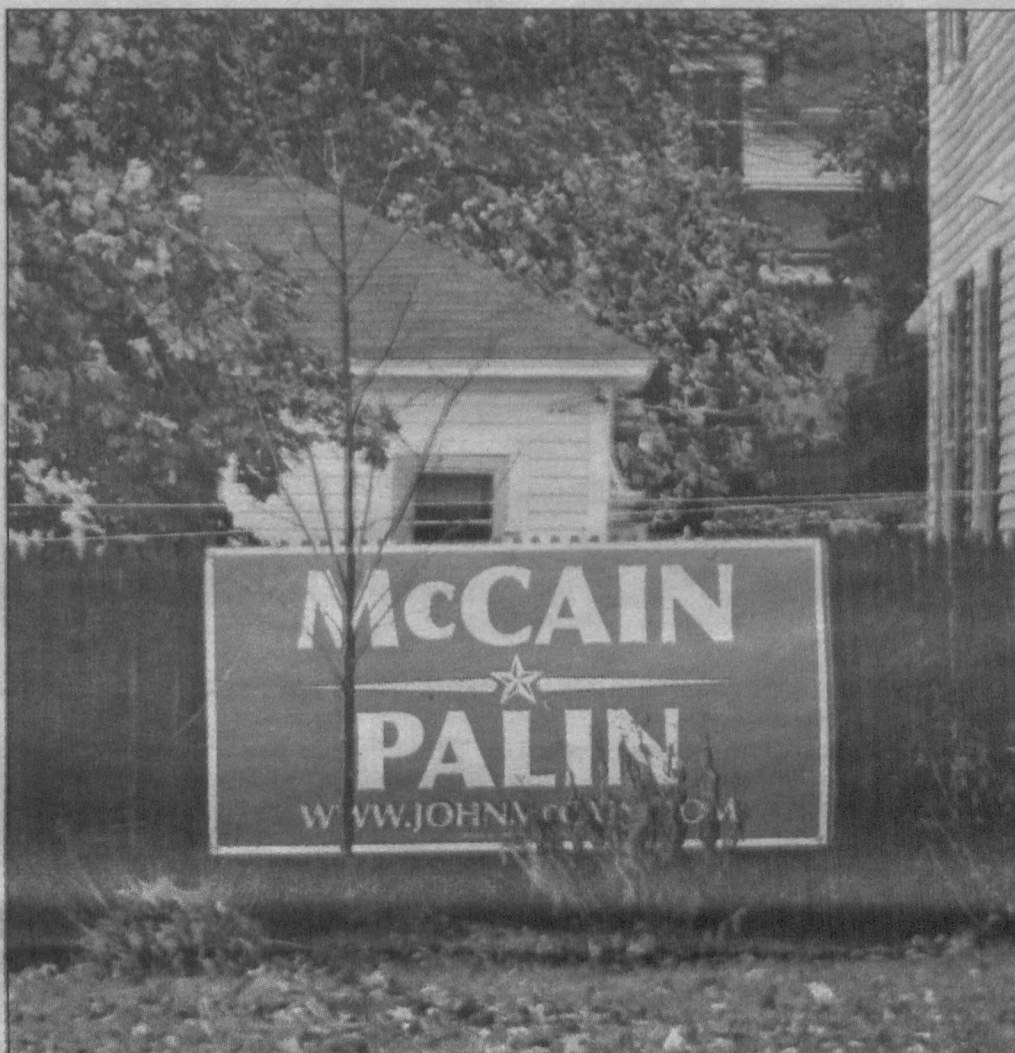
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Decisions, decisions



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

A line of buttons are on display at the College Democrats' table as election day nears.



Rebekah Rhodes ♦ The Maine Campus

McCain supporters proudly display a large sign in favor of their political candidate of choice.

Voting: Your how-to manual

Everything you need to know about how to register, get in the booth and vote on Nov. 4

By Rhiannon Sawtelle
Staff Reporter

This Election Day will be the first time many University of Maine students will be able to vote in a presidential race. With little time left until ballots are cast, some students still have questions about how to declare their choice.

Luckily for first-time voters, Maine has same-day registration. For those procrastinating voters, this means a person can register right before voting. For those who prefer to prepare ahead of time, registration can be done at both the UMaine College Democrat and UMaine College Republican tables in the Memorial Union or a town office of residence. Voters may not vote unless they register first.

Registration is a straightforward process which entails filling out a card with your name, address and choice of party.

Ben Goodman, communications coordinator for the Obama Campus Coalition for Change, tells students who are unsure of party affiliation to be wary of identifying themselves as "independent." The

state of Maine does not recognize independent voters, only "un-enrolled voters." Students may be confused by the Green Party's identification as the Green/Independent Party.

Those who are still undecided in the race can identify themselves as "un-enrolled." Once registered, it is typically three months before a party allows you to leave.

First-time voters will need to prove their town of residence when registering. This means showing a piece of mail with a local address in addition to a photo ID. If registering in the town stated on the ID, no mail is needed.

Out-of-state residents are able to vote locally as long as they can prove residence in Orono. Ballots need to be received by town clerks by the time polls close on Nov. 4.

"I'm going to vote. I just didn't know the process. I'll probably do it the day of [voting]. It's going to matter," said Rocco Andreozzi, a fourth-year student and Rhode Island resident.

Since UMaine has a different zip code than the rest of Orono, students who live on campus must vote on campus, in the Multipurpose room of the Memorial Union between 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 4. Those who don't live on campus must vote at the town hall in the town they reside in.

It is important to note: Even if previously registered in Orono, if a person has had a change of address he or she must register again. This means you must register again even if you have moved from one residence hall to another.

UMaine hosted an early voting day last Thursday to help reduce the possible

long waits in line on Election Day. With the Orono town clerk on hand, all Orono residents were able to cast their ballots on campus.

Goodman notes that early voting is both convenient and useful. "I would hate to see people discouraged by long lines. You never know what's going to happen on Election Day."

Early voting and absentee ballots are available at town offices until election day. The Orono Town Office will accept ballots until the polls close on Nov. 4. Sue Hart, Orono town clerk, encourages the process to eliminate confusion and waiting time on Nov. 4.

The polls will be open on campus and at the Orono Town Office on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Orono Town Office is located at 59 Main St., next to the fire department.

Votes will be cast for the presidential candidate, the U.S. Senate seat between Susan Collins and Tom Allen, U.S. Reps. Michaud and Frary, bond issues and referendum questions. These issues address the bottle tax and the proposed casino, among other things.

What to bring ...

- An envelope with your current mailing address
- A photo ID

If you don't have either of these, you can still vote. Just go to your polling place and ask how.

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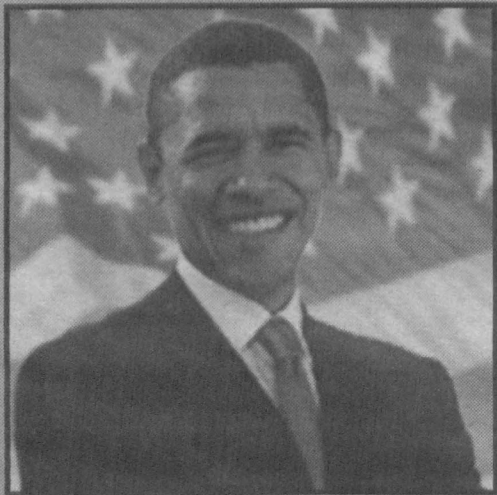
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Sports • Dig Pink game a success

Comparing the candidates

By Lynnsay Maynard

Barack Obama (D)



Barack Obama is a 47-year-old senator from Illinois. A graduate of Columbia and Harvard Universities, Obama was president of the Harvard Law Review and served as a community organizer in Chicago's South Side for two years. Obama served on the Illinois Senate from 1997 until 2004, when he was elected to the U.S. Senate, according to his Web site, barackobama.com.

Employing the word "change" as his campaign mantra, Obama received the Democratic nomination in August after defeating rival Sen. Hillary Clinton. Obama selected Delaware Sen. Joe Biden as his vice presidential running mate.

The Obama-Biden platform:

War in Iraq: Obama opposed the U.S. invasion of Iraq when it began in 2002, believing it would anger leaders in the Middle East. Obama opposed sending more troops overseas and instead advocated for the Bush administration to change its direction. Obama wants to set a timetable of 16 months to bring all troops home by withdrawing one to two brigades each month, according to his Web site.

Economy: Obama wants to repeal the Bush tax cuts on incomes of more than \$250,000. The Obama campaign Web site mentions the candidate's dislike of Bush's tax cuts for earnings more than \$1 million. Obama advocates tax credits for \$500 per working person and \$1,000 per working family.

Health care: Advocating for universal health care, Obama would help employers provide health care or financially assist their employees and provide health care to all children. Obama wants insurance plans to be transferable between jobs, to create subsidies for low-income workers and forbid insurance companies from denying coverage to sickly individuals.

Energy and global warming: In the next 10 years, Obama would allocate \$150 billion for climate-friendly energy supplies. He wants 60 billion gallons of advanced biofuels to be phased into the fuel supply, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 5 billion tons and make all buildings carbon neutral, all by 2030. Obama has not ruled out nuclear energy, but he has expressed concerns about its safety. Like Sen. John McCain, Obama advocates for a cap-and-trade program, where the federal government limits the amount of carbon emissions but allows companies to bid for permits to emit above the set limit.

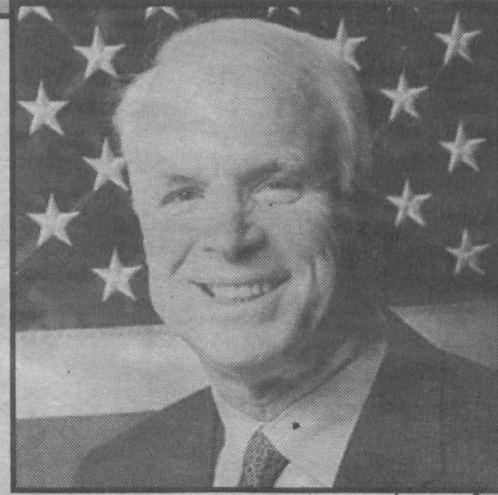
Education: Obama believes No Child Left Behind needs to be rewritten before reauthorization. Obama would allocate funds for school districts with performance assessment programs. He wants to create a Teacher Residency Program to train teachers for demanding school districts. Obama would double funding for the main federal support for after school programs, the 21st Century Learning Centers Program. Obama would increase federal Pell grants, and, according to his Web site, eliminate FAFSA forms. Instead, people will apply for financial aid by checking a box on their tax forms.

Immigration: Obama supports legalization of current illegal immigrants living in the U.S. if they pay a fine and learn to speak English. Obama would increase the punishment of employers who hire illegal immigrants. Like Sen. McCain, Obama voted to build a fence along the Mexican border.

Abortion: Obama supports abortion rights.

Gay rights: Obama opposes gay marriage but supports civil unions and adoption rights for same-sex couples. Obama also wants to repeal the Don't Ask — Don't Tell military policy.

John McCain (R)



John McCain is a 72-year-old senator from Arizona. McCain graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958 and spent 5 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam during his Naval service. McCain was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986 and was a 2000 presidential candidate. Described as a "maverick," McCain secured the Republican nomination in September after defeating

opponents such as former Govs. Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee and selected Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate.

The McCain-Palin platform:

War in Iraq: In 2002, McCain voted to support the invasion of Iraq and has maintained support, despite openly criticizing the Bush administration's handling of the war, according to his Web site and the Washington Post. McCain supports an increase in the number of troops being sent to Iraq, according to his Web site. In a May 2008 speech, McCain expressed his hopes that a majority of troops would return by January 2013, according to democrats.org.

Economy: According to McCain's Web site, he supports the Bush administration tax cuts and wants to make them permanent. He wants to repeal the alternative minimum tax, a tax applied to some incomes in addition to regular taxes. McCain wants to require a three-fifths vote in Congress to increase taxes.

Health care: According to his Web site, McCain promised health care to all Americans and believes universal health care does not require a tax increase. McCain wants to allocate \$2,500 and \$5,000 tax credits for individuals and families, respectively, to purchase their own insurance plan at any agency, his Web site stated. McCain wants insurance plans to be transferable between jobs and states.

Energy and global warming: McCain said he would support subsidies for nuclear power plants in the U.S. and supports the development of fuel-efficient technology, according to his Web site. McCain opposes Arctic oil drilling but supports offshore drilling, according to nytimes.com. Like Sen. Barack Obama, McCain advocates for a cap-and-trade program, where the federal government limits the amount of carbon emissions but allows companies to bid for permits to emit more than the set limit, his Web site stated.

Education: On his Web site, McCain doesn't favor considerable federal involvement in public education. McCain wants to amend the No Child Left Behind Act and offer bonuses to "high-performing teachers." He voted not to allocate funds for after-school programs, according to ontheissues.org. McCain wants to condense various financial aid programs to simplify the process of financial aid.

Immigration: McCain, on his Web site, said he would allow current illegal immigrants without a criminal record to become legal citizens if they pay taxes and a mandatory fine and learn English. McCain strongly supports strengthening U.S.-Mexican border patrol and security, according to glassbooth.org and washingtonpost.com. McCain voted yes on a bill to fund 700 miles of fencing along the border.

Abortion: McCain is anti-abortion and wants to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, according to his Web site.

Gay rights: McCain opposes gay marriage, but he supports same-sex couples entering other personal and legal contracts, according to glassbooth.org.

Ballot issues

Deconstructed

Question 1: People's Veto

"Do you want to reject the parts of a new law that change the method of funding Maine's Dirigo Health Program through charging health insurance companies a fixed fee on paid claims and adding taxes to malt liquor, wine and soft drinks?"

A yes vote:

A vote in favor of this question would repeal the current law, which taxes beverages and insurance claims. The law was passed at the end of April in the last few days of the legislative session and was brought to a public vote by the group Fed Up With Taxes. The group collected 90,000 signatures in two months to place the question on the ballot.

"We feel that this is absolutely the worse time to be increasing taxes on Maine people and small businesses," said Ted O'Meara, spokesperson and consultant for the group. He said the new tax will result in a \$40 million tax increase statewide and would be particularly harmful to small business owners.

The tax affects almost all types of beverages, including the syrup used by restaurants to make their own soda. O'Meara cited one business owner who said the new tax would cost him \$10,000 annually.

"We feel that this is just another tax that Maine can't afford," O'Meara said.

A no vote:

Voting against this question would leave the law as it stands.

Health Care Coverage for Maine is a coalition of local organizations and individuals that have joined in opposition to Question 1.

According to maine.gov, Dirigo Health Care provides rate relief for 48,000 Maine citizens on top of providing its own insurance. Eliminating funding for this program could make health care unaffordable for its patrons.

Dirigo Health Care is "an independent executive agency to arrange for the provision of comprehensive, affordable health care coverage to eligible small employers ... on a voluntary basis," according to its Web site. It was created by the Maine Legislature in 2003.

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

"Do you want to allow a certain Maine company to have the only casino in Maine, to be located in Oxford County, if part of the revenue is used to fund specific state programs?"

A yes vote:

Pat Lamarche, spokesperson for the initiative "Yes on Two for Maine," said casinos would increase jobs and money flow in the state. "Maine is a tourism state [and] casinos are the most job-intensive form of tourism."

She said 50 percent of the money from the casino will go to the state in the form of taxes, and 26 percent of those funds will be used for education.

In response to questions from opposing groups, Lamarche said the proposed casino will not raise crime levels.

"[Casino jobs] are good jobs — the average job will pay \$35,000 a year, in addition to health benefits. The No. 1 cause of crime is recession. Desperate people do desperate things."

A no vote:

CasinosNO! is a group against casino gambling that has taken a stance against the building of an Oxford Casino.

"Casinos have never been shown to be economic development. There's just no evidence anywhere that states that have casino gambling are any better off economically, financially or provide jobs or better service than states that have them," said Dennis Bailey, executive director of CasinosNO!

The bill prohibits the building of any other casino in Maine for the next 10 years and allows the casino to provide credit for patrons who run out of money. It also lowers the legal age to gamble on a slot machine or gaming device from 21 to 19. It allows Harrold Dean, a Las Vegas backer of the casino, a seat on the board of every organization that will receive money from the casino.

"The bill itself is just a mess — it's terrible — I've been working in Maine politics for 30 years and it's by far the worst piece of legislation I've seen," Bailey said.

By Jessica Fish

Assistant News Editor

Question 3: Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$3,400,000 bond issue to support drinking water programs, to support the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and to leverage \$17,000,000 in other funds?"

Explanation:

The third and final question on the ballot is a bond issue. According to Maine's Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, bond questions typically pass without incident.

"It's a periodic thing ... the public has the opportunity to vote them down, [but] this would benefit every town in the state, so there's no reason you would see towns ... organized against this, because everyone will get some of the money," Dunlap said.

He explained that bonds that do not pass often fail because of something called "ballot fatigue" when there are several bonds and voters who "get tired of checking yes."

This particular question updates the current system and was passed with support by both the Maine Senate and House of Representatives.



Representatives face off

By William P. Davis



Mike Michaud on ...

Economy: "I think we already are in a recession, and it hopefully will be able to turn around before it gets worse. If you look at, in Maine, ever since NAFTA, [Maine] lost over 23 percent of our manufacturing base alone, because of failed trade policies. So we have to make sure that whatever we do in Congress doesn't affect us negatively here in Maine and ... other states. ... I introduced legislation ... [that] looks at our manufacturing, our natural resources — we have agriculture, fishing — and education. Education is part of the bill because I realize if we're going to move this country forward, we're going to have to have a workforce. A workforce that's educated. And if not it — tend to what the needs of the economy, at least have the ability to retool the workers, so there's actually an education component to the legislation. ... We definitely need more regulations in the industry. We have to look at how the corporations are running as far as some sort of corporate governance."

Education: "I think it's outrageous that federal aid has been decreasing. When I look at where we're heading as a nation, we definitely have to build infrastructure and that's not only bricks and mortar; it's our educational infrastructure as well — making sure that our future generation has the tools that they need to lead this country forward. ... I think it's very important that we make education affordable and that anyone who wants to forward their education, they have the opportunity to do that. I don't want a country where the only ones that can afford an education are those that have the resources to afford it. So we have to do everything we can to make education affordable throughout the country."

Energy: "I think that's one of the reasons why I believe we're in Iraq today is under the Bush Administration was looking for the oil in Iraq. ... We have to look at alternative energies: Off the coast of Maine we have huge potential for wind power that will be extremely beneficial for us here in Maine as far as getting a different alternative energy. Natural gas — I think natural gas is another area; there are some communities in Portland that have pretty much hooked up to natural gas. I think we got to be more aggressive in making sure the pipeline is there so if other communities such as Bangor or Orono we can tap into that potential. Tidal power, solar power, here again, those are the areas of energy that we ought to be more aggressive. On research, I know that the University of Maine [in] Orono is doing a project on wind propellers as well, with Habib, Dr. Habib Dagher, so I think there is a lot of potential. It's not going to happen overnight; it's going to take a while to actually deal with it. And drilling for oil domestically is going to have to be part of that solution also."

War: "I think we ought to let the Iraqi government know that we're going to be withdrawing our troops from Iraq and they are going to have to take the lead and, actually, that exactly is what is happening now. ... Unfortunately when you look at what's happened in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iraq was the wrong war, the wrong time and the wrong place. Most Americans and most leaders around the world and I agree that going into Afghanistan was the right move. That's where Osama Bin Laden was; that's why we had the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11. Unfortunately the United States diverted its attention to Iraq, we took the eye off the ball and Afghanistan now has been more problematic than Iraq, and we're going to have to focus on how to deal with that. ... I think we definitely have to make sure that the Afghan government has the resources and the technology that we can provide them, and there's definitely the need for more troops as well in Afghanistan."



John Frary on ...

Economy: "I'd say the first thing is for the government to attempt to establish a clear pattern of what to expect. That unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be anywhere out of it except to pass some smelly, stinking bill to restore confidence in the banking system, which is going to cost money. And there's a lot of speculation about how much they are going to get back. ... All the mortgages they buy up are attached to properties, which the government then at some point should sell off. One can only hope the Treasury Department will do a competent job selling them off for maximum profit, but it still leaves the taxpayers with a heavy bill to pay. ... I support it [the bailout] with the utmost reluctance and disgust."

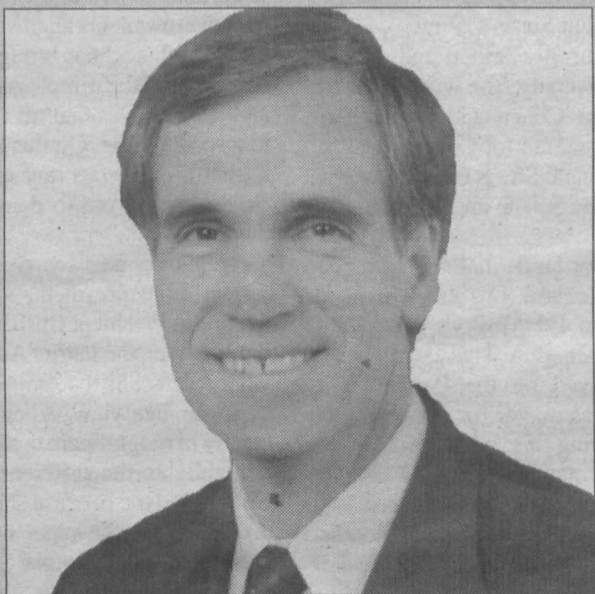
Education: "I think they should use more of their endowment for scholarships. I think the issue is college education. They'll have to make up their mind about whether they want to finance more and more research. ... There was a time when my institution decided to change the textbook [for a class I was teaching]. ... That meant millions of dollars in textbook sales for a textbook that went for \$75 each. So I was under siege by booksellers to get my approval for their textbook. ... They came and they gave me their pitch. ... Do you know what subject never came up? Cost. ... The university and the faculty have to start thinking seriously about reducing costs themselves and not passing them on to the taxpayer or the student. ... There is no credible connection to expenses and results."

Energy: "We will be spending money on oil — period — as far as anybody can see at the present time. Now this could be foreign oil, which will enable Arabs to build indoor ski slopes in the desert, or it can be American oil, which the government will be in the happy position of taxing. Now, if they want to divert some of that to subsidizing alternative energy, they'll probably screw it up badly, but there will be some benefit from it. ... The rising costs mean we need intensified conservation. I expect to turn my heat down to 64 degrees. Other people will do the same."

War: "The constitution makes the president the commander in chief. Now opinions vary on the competency of President Bush, and they are wholly unfavorable. But, if military history communicates anything it's this: That one dumb commander is a lot better than 435 bright commanders. We don't need 435 horseless, hatless Napoleons trying to dictate against the rules of the Constitution, the course of strategy. ... Cut off fundings? Never going to happen because nobody can be sure of the consequences of headlong withdrawal, and the Democrats don't want to be held responsible when they can hold everything that Bush says on record. ... Timetables are fine. Like, let's tell Hezbollah and the Iranians and the rest, 'just hold your fire a bit, we'll be out of here by such-and-such a date, then you can really get going.' The sooner you get out the better. Timetables, that's a different proposition. Afghanistan, well, it's a hellhole. That's a strategy in most places is courseless. Establish a stable government. Hope for a democrat. We'll see. And build our backwards security forces. And then turn the whole mess over to them. One hopes this will work. I don't know what the alternative is supposed to be. Pull out and hope for the best."

Race for the Senate

By William P. Davis



Tom Allen on ...

Economy: "[The economy is] already in a recession for sure. ... It didn't have to be this bad; it didn't even have to happen this way, but we got to this position because the Bush economic policies, those massive tax breaks for the very wealthy in 2001, 2003 and 2006, drained — have already drained — probably \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion in revenue ... I voted against them because I thought they were reckless and fiscally irresponsible, which the evidence indicates they were. ... We have to re-regulate our, and develop a new set of regulations for, our financial markets, and that, I'm sure you'll be hearing from that in Congress early next year, and we certainly have to reform some of the mortgage lending practices that allow people to make — lenders to make — very risky loans to borrowers who are unlikely to pay them back."

Education: "... I'm a little reluctant to have the federal government start telling colleges what percentage of their endowment they should use. ... I think the competition among colleges for good students seems to me to be evolving in a way that they wind up chasing students with economic needs. ... [The level of federal funding for education is] inadequate. I mean, one of the things the Bush Administration did by dropping federal revenues so dramatically over a period of time to give tax breaks for the wealthiest people in the country was they wound up with less money for education and health care and environmental protection and Head Start and community development and so they have consistently tried to reduce federal spending on the domestic side."

Energy: "We have to free ourselves from oil as much as we can. ... Now we did pass, late last year, we did pass a bill to increase CAFE standards for automobiles and light trucks. The first increase in a couple, three, decades, but we didn't really go far enough. We can do a lot better than that, and in doing that, I think we have to also rely more on wind and solar for the generation of electricity and run our cars on the electricity as we do on gasoline. ... I think that the oil companies have plenty of areas where they can already drill, and the most likely productive areas are in the Gulf of Mexico, where they hold leases today, which they're not pursuing as much as they could. I don't have objections to, you know, additional leases being made in parts of the Gulf of Mexico, but I'm opposed to drilling in the Gulf of Maine, and I'm opposed to drilling on Anwar."

War: "Well in Iraq, I've supported a time, time — well, deadline I call it — a deadline for our withdrawal that would be 16 to 18 months from whenever it was imposed, and that's the way George Mitchell brought peace to Northern Ireland, by setting a date as Good Friday to reach an agreement; then the contending parties actually had to, you know, compromise their differences. I think that's the way we should leave Iraq. That is my position; it's Barack Obama's position; it's the government of Iraq's position, but it's not — and it will probably be George Bush's position before long, because he's got to find, you know, some sort of agreement with the Iraqis before he leaves office. It's not Susan Collins' position, and it's not John McCain's position because they still believe in an open-ended commitment. ... Now I think some additional troops are needed in Afghanistan, but the mission there is going to be, we're going to be reliant more on special forces and targeted strikes. We can't control all of Afghanistan. It's too big, too poor, too populated."



Susan Collins on ...

The Maine Campus made numerous calls to Sen. Susan Collins' campaign office to request an interview. Her office was unresponsive to these requests.

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Michaud and Frary spar over second district seat

By William P. Davis
For The Maine Campus

Retired professor John Frary is challenging three-time U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud in Maine's Second Congressional District for the chance to represent the state.

Frary was born and raised in Farmington, where he now resides. He studied at the University of Maine and Rutgers University before teaching Byzantine History in New Jersey. Despite his small chances of winning, Frary has indicated he is in until the end and has used nearly \$200,000 of his own money to campaign.

Rep. Michaud grew up in Medway and worked at the Great Northern Paper Company after graduating high school. He served 14 years in the Maine House of Representatives and another eight years in the Maine Senate, where he was president of the Senate for one year. He ran for U.S. Congress, when John Baldacci stepped down to run for Governor.

Michaud has differed from the majority of his party by running as a pro-life candidate. He is also a member of the Blue Dog Coalition — a group of 49 fiscally conservative Democrats. This has led him to break with his party on many fiscal issues, including the recent Wall Street bailout, which he voted against. Some of his recent bills introduced into Congress include one "to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities," and a bill "to prohibit the import, export and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor and for other purposes."

Frary has suggested restoring Maine's rail system and Maine Yankee — a nuclear power plant that was shut down in 1997. He has advocated creating an oil refinery in Northern

Maine, which, he says, will be environmentally friendly while bringing down oil prices. A spokesperson for Rep. Michaud had no comment on the refinery idea.

Frary has also advocated the legalization of marijuana. As a guest on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN), a caller asked him about his views on legalization.

"I have to tell you that I am inclined more and more to favor that," Frary said, adding that he believes the U.S. should sell and tax it similarly to alcohol.

A spokesperson for Rep. Michaud responded that the Congressman "does not agree with his opponent that we should legalize marijuana," adding "his concerns remain the effect that such a move would have on our nation's youth."

Frary has attracted attention by running small political essays as advertisements in 36 regional newspapers. These humorous and often irreverent essays have defined Frary's style, but he insists he is running as a serious candidate on a no-nonsense platform.

"I hear a lot of folks saying that you can't get elected to Congress by telling the truth and treating voters like adults, but I haven't noticed anyone with the brass to actually try it. Maybe it's time someone did," he says on his Web site. These advertisements, given titles such as "Who's shoveling what here?" and "Pique Stupidity," accuse his opponent of being "an ignorant hack." A flyer entitled the "Frary Home Companion" opined, "If Mike Michaud is not bought and paid for by the unions, then he is cheating them." When asked about his advertisements in an MPBN debate, Frary responded, "Well, listen. A lot of people strongly object to negative campaigning, of course. ... So I thought I'd liven things up."

Breaking down the Senate race: Allen versus Collins

By William P. Davis
For The Maine Campus

In the race for the Senate, Tom Allen, currently the U.S. Representative for Maine's First Congressional District, is challenging two-time incumbent Susan Collins.

Collins grew up in Caribou and attended St. Lawrence University. She worked for former Sen. William Cohen and former Gov. John McKernan and ran for Cohen's seat following his retirement. She is the 15th woman to be elected to the Senate and is serving her second term.

Allen, a Portland native, attended Bowdoin College and Oxford University. After working on Ed Musky's presidential campaign, he earned a law degree from Harvard. He served on the Portland City Council, serving as mayor for two years. He is currently serving his sixth term in the House of Representatives.

The Senate race has been marred with negative ads on both sides and been bloodied further by third-party ads targeting the candidates on their position on the Employee Free Choice Act. The EFCA is a bill aimed at easing the process for workers to unionize. Currently, 30 percent of employees have to petition to unionize, and the staff votes by secret ballot on whether to unionize. Under the Employee Free Choice Act, if 50 percent of employees sign authorization cards, a union can form without a secret ballot.

Third-party advertisements running against Allen show mob-like figures intimidating workers. They accuse Allen of eliminating the secret ballot. Allen defends his position. In an interview he said, "It's simply a way to compensate, change the labor laws to compensate for the fact that the election mentioned in those

ads — the certified union is now often not being held at all because management has so many tools to delay it indefinitely."

Collins declined to be interviewed for this article, but a spokesperson for her campaign told PolitickerME that Collins has denounced the advertisements against her opponent. "On the issue this ad has brought up, Collins does not support the Employee Free Choice Act and she believes that all workers are entitled to a secret ballot. On this ad she finds it ironic that a public servant elected by a private ballot would vote to deny union employees the same right."

Negative ads by the campaigns have grown more prevalent. Allen worked to tie Collins to President Bush, noting her votes for the Iraq War, the Patriot Act and tax breaks for what Allen calls the "super wealthy."

In an interview, Allen said, "So we are clearly in a significant, a significant crisis, and it highlights the differences between Susan Collins and me because she voted for all those tax breaks for the super wealthy that George Bush put out. Olympia Snowe didn't, John McCain did, but Susan always did. And so I voted against them because I thought they were reckless and fiscally irresponsible, which the evidence indicates they were."

In response, Collins has touted her bipartisan record and called for an end to partisanship in Washington. An article in Sunday's New York Times detailed the challenges faced by Allen and said Collins seems to be "gliding toward a third term" in a time when many Republicans are having trouble shaking President Bush's image. While many congressional candidates are distancing themselves from Sen. McCain as well, Collins is

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Drink too much?

Officers responded to the first floor of Androscoggin Hall when someone reported a man urinating in the hallway. At 2:11 a.m. on Oct. 24, a witness identified Michael Cannavino, 18, Orono, as the man who urinated on the hall carpet. During questioning, the officer noticed Cannavino was intoxicated and issued him a summons for possession of liquor by consumption.

You'll have to catch the reruns

A burglary was reported of the Hilltop Parking Lot on Oct. 21 at 7:10 p.m. A Nissan Centra was left unattended from Oct. 19 at 5:30 p.m. until the time the theft was reported. The owner noticed that a 13-inch color television, valued at \$150, was missing from the vehicle. The theft is still under investigation.

"Finders keepers" rules don't apply

Parking Services called the police department at 12:25 p.m. on Oct. 22 to report a vehicle in the Steam Plant Parking Lot with a stolen

parking permit. The permit was seized from the Ford Contour, and the vehicle was towed. The owner, Matthew Berube, 19, Orono, was contacted the following day and met with officers at the police department. Berube, a resident on campus, had not purchased a permit and had several parking tickets. He claimed that he found the permit on the ground, and although he realized it wasn't his, chose to use it anyway. The permit was stolen on Oct. 18 from an unlocked vehicle in the Steam Plant Parking Lot. Berube was summonsed for theft.

I know what you did last Friday

A Student Recreation and Fitness Center employee witnessed an accident in the Hilltop Parking Lot Oct. 24 at 8 a.m. The employee reported a vehicle striking a parked Jeep Cherokee. A female got out of the suspected vehicle, a Mercury Sable, inspected the damage and left the scene. The incident is still under investigation.

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Independent viewpoint

By William P. Davis
For The Maine Campus

Peter Merbach, a third-year nursing student, has decided to take the road less traveled — supporting Cynthia McKinney for president. McKinney is the Green Party presidential candidate and is representing Georgia's Fourth Congressional District.

Merbach said that he does not support either the Republican or Democratic presidential candidate.

"I don't support two-party politics ... I don't like that your beliefs have to fall within either Republican or Democratic Party views."

He is planning to vote for McKinney not because he agrees with her on everything, but because he does not support any of the other candidates.

A first-time voter, Merbach made his decision on which candidate to support based on social issues. He



Peter Merbach ♦ Photo by William P. Davis

cited *Roe v. Wade* as a major issue: "I liked Bob Barr's economic policies, but on social issues, he's more conservative than I would've liked."

He does not consider himself apathetic about the outcome of the election, even though he concedes, "Obviously it's going to be Obama or McCain." He believes that "this year, it's so difficult to be apathetic because the candidates are so different."

Merbach also lamented the way the planks of all parties are carved out. "I really like conservative economic policies, but I'm far more liberal on social issues. But you have to pick one or the other."

"I don't like that your beliefs have to fall within either Republican or Democratic Party views."

Peter Merbach
Third-year nursing student

Apathetic viewpoint

By William P. Davis
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Taylor LaPierre, a second-year civil engineering student, is not going to vote.

"It's a lot of effort for such a small meaning," he said, adding that he doesn't feel like he has a personal stake in the outcome of the election. He does not feel any of the issues presented during this election will directly affect him, and until he finds a more personal issue, he will probably not vote.

He can't pin down a specific issue, but he said that in order to vote he would need "something that would affect me personally in a big way, but I don't see that now."

LaPierre mentioned that he felt too many people entered the election with predefined views of the



Taylor LaPierre ♦ Photo by William P. Davis

candidates and a vote based on those views.

"I haven't personally met anyone yet who is truly undecided," he said. He feels nobody will truly be swayed by the arguments on either side since they already have their minds made up.

LaPierre said if he had to define himself with one party, he would lean more toward the Democratic Party, but indicated he would not feel beholden to vote the party line.

He is currently not registered with either party.

Senate

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the state co-chair of McCain's campaign. She has, however, called for McCain to stop the RoboCalls in Maine linking Sen. Obama to former Weather Underground member William Ayers.

Polls show Collins up by as many as 13

points. Collins raised about \$2 million more than Allen — mostly from Political Action Committees. In the same Times article a National Republican Senatorial Committee spokesperson called Collins "absolutely untouchable."

Collins continued to campaign heavily. Her latest ad questions Allen's effectiveness

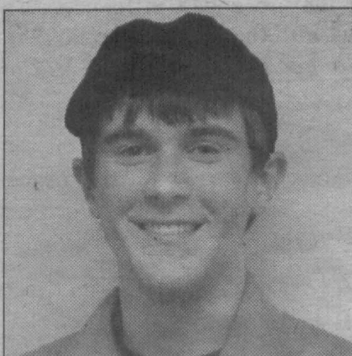
in the House. The ad asserts that while Collins had 55 of her bills become law, Allen has seen three of his bills become law. While Collins never missed a vote, Allen missed 157. The Allen campaign pushed back against these claims. A letter to the editor by Allen's daughter, Gwen Allen, said, "My father has voted in Congress more than 7,500 times and has

never been away from Washington when his vote would have changed the outcome. He has an excellent 98 percent attendance record in Congress ... He was away from Washington when his parents were dying, when I got married and when my mother needed him during her breast cancer treatments this year."

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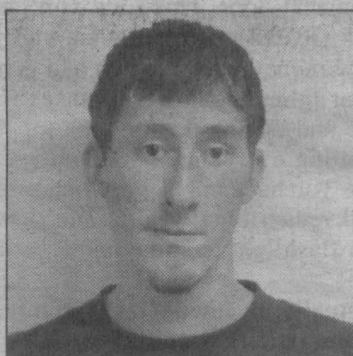
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Is Sen. Collins really "our" senator?

In preparation for this special edition of The Maine Campus, our news team spent more than a month researching the candidates on their positions and histories. Part of this time was spent contacting congressional candidates in attempts to set up face-to-face interviews. We're pleased to say that Rep. Tom Allen, Rep. Michael Michaud and Professor John Frary all responded in a timely fashion and stepped forward to be interviewed.

Susan Collins is missing from that list.

We first tried to contact Collins for an interview on Sept. 15. The Collins campaign was elusive and unresponsive, running us through the gauntlet and only once returned our daily or twice daily phone calls. When they finally did respond, they informed us that the senator wouldn't be available for an interview, then later said that maybe we could get an interview but never got back to us.

The University of Maine represents a large community of voters in the 2nd Congressional District. It is in the interest of any candidate running for office to speak to all media outlets and to make their positions known.

While it is understandable that the Sen. Collins is a busy person, it is unfortunate that the woman who bills herself as "our senator" can not take 20 minutes out of her schedule to directly address the students of the flagship school of the University of Maine System.

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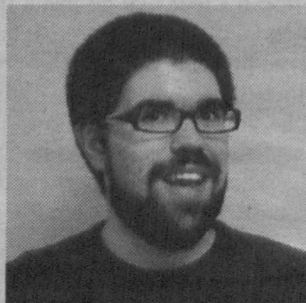
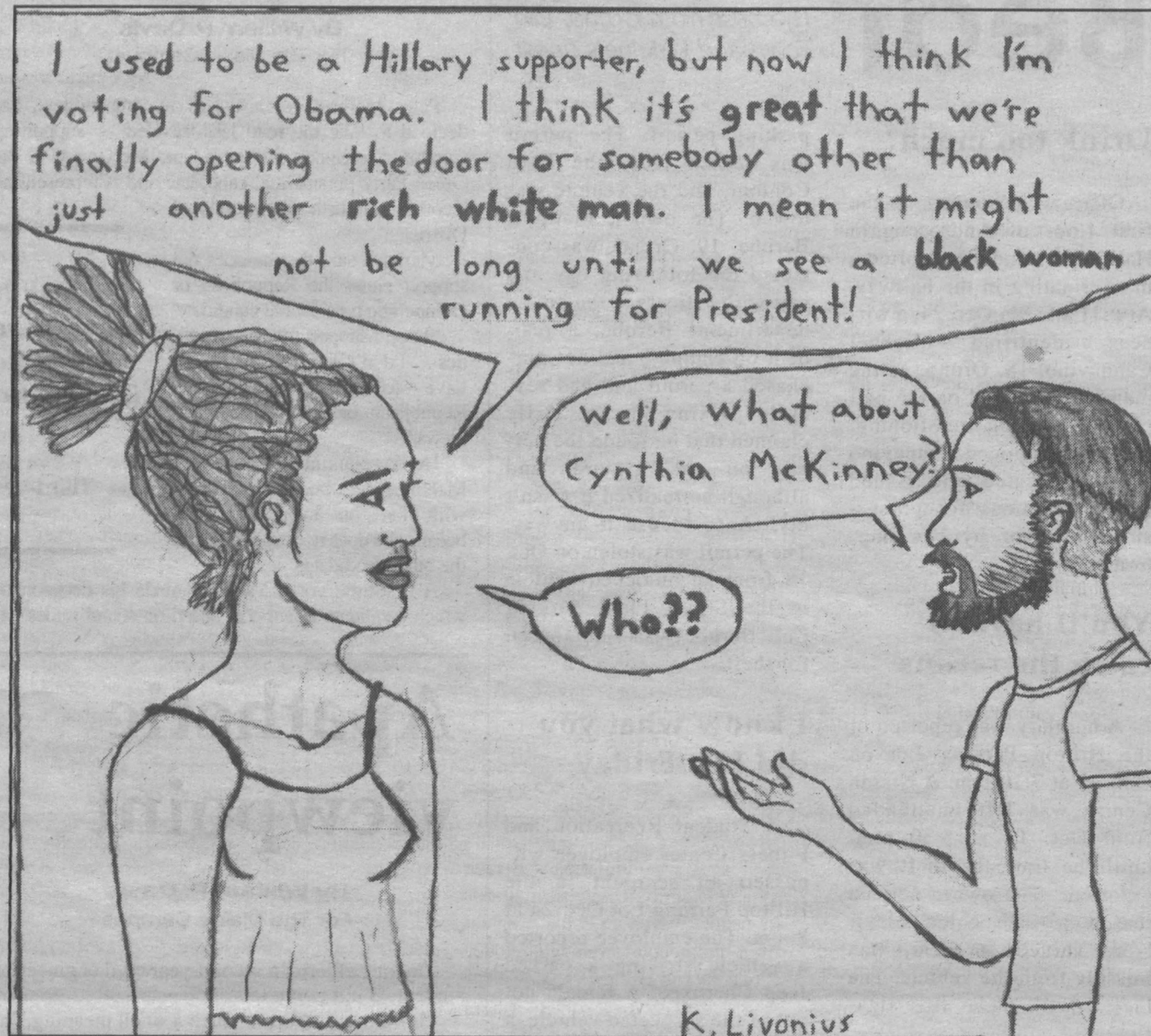
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Eryk Salvaggio

McCain campaign feels like the worst sleepover ever

John McCain, you are so scared! You woke up in the middle of the night yelling "Mom, Barack Obama is going to win the White House and fill it with advisers who are terrorists!" You wanted to know more about his friends before you would be his friend. Don't worry, little guy! It's just your imagination. Let's get you a nightlight.

Barack Obama has support from a scary man. But remember how your supporter, close friend and Watergate ex-convict G. Gordon Liddy, urged people to shoot cops in the head, rather than the chest, because cops have bullet-proof vests? You recently said you are proud of him. Bill Ayres is kind of like that guy. You wouldn't put G. Gordon Liddy on the Supreme Court, would you? That would be silly! Barack Obama isn't silly like that. His supporters include people who are much more qualified to advise him: Colin Powell, Warren Buffet — people who are your friends, too! If Obama put the scary man in office, he would terrify all the people, and they wouldn't vote for him again! Now why would anyone do something like that?

So with that, we got you some warm milk and a ruffle on the head. But a few hours later you were up again, John, knocking on that door. This time you had a scary dream that Barack Obama was a socialist, and you think it's real. He'll steal money from the rich and give it to the poor, you said. But John, he's lowering taxes for 95 percent of the people and raising them on the top 5 percent. Now, you keep telling everyone at your rallies that their taxes will go up — you have many, very rich friends, after all. You said he'll redistribute wealth, and that's socialism! Let me get a flashlight to shine under your bed: No Soviet tanks there!

Republicans actually invented a tax structure tiered by income — everyone paid the same thing until Abraham Lincoln came along and taxed incomes up to \$10,000 at 3 percent, and the tax on incomes above that almost doubled. Now John, let's ask ourselves: Was Abraham

Lincoln a radical socialist? I don't think so! Let's get you a glass of water and get back on the straight sleep express.

Uh-oh, John. I know you have had a hard time sleeping, but you are in deep trouble, mister. Your friend Suzy just called, and she said you have been making prank phone calls to the people of Maine, telling them about all your scary dreams! Why would you do that, John? You promised there would be a respectful campaign. I know Barry has said some mean things about you — called you "erratic" and all that, what a meanie! But Suzy Collins is your good friend, and even she is embarrassed by your prank phone calls.

Did you tell Joe that Barack Obama voted to kill babies? You know that's not true, because Barry told you that at the debate. He talked about how he voted against a new law that would have done what an existing law already did.

Who put you up to this, John? Don't you remember how your feelings were hurt when George Bush's boy blasted rumors about you? You aren't hanging out with those kids are you? I know you think they're really cool for getting George, Jr., elected, but you also know that they are mean boys, and they're a bad influence. Why don't you spend more time with that Lieberman boy?

Eryk Salvaggio is no longer the president of McCain Supporters for Obama.

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Celebrating Columbus Day akin to celebrating the Nazi's holocaust

Virginia Sand

I can't believe we just celebrated another Columbus Day. If we needed a national holiday for the purpose of securing another long weekend, why didn't we name it "Native American Day?" After all, Columbus almost wiped out one Native American nation through genocidal acts — the Tainos people of Hispaniola. Certainly no one in Europe celebrates the Holocaust, when thousands of innocent people were abused and put to death because of their ethnicity or religious beliefs. Christopher Columbus brought the same thing to the Americas. It was an invasion of many of the indigenous civilizations that were practicing their own worldviews.

Columbus and his men enslaved indigenous people, raped their women and cut off the hands of native people who weren't able to find gold for him. Columbus cut off the ears and noses of the Tainos people he accused of stealing, after he stole everything from them. He hunted down and killed Tainos people who resisted colonization and slavery.

Though the myth of Christopher Columbus has been taught in our schools for generations, the truth about he has always been known, but hidden. It's there in the Columbus travel logs: the abuse and atrocities Columbus inflicted upon kind, generous indigenous people who graciously welcomed him and his men when they first came to the Americas.

Coincidentally, Columbus did not discover America. Would you venture into someone's backyard, tell everyone that you discovered it and then claim it for yourself? That's exactly what Columbus did. In stealing the homeland of Native Americans, Columbus renamed them in the name of the Spanish Crown. In claiming and renaming land on this continent,

Columbus made it look like no one inhabited North America, when in fact there were more than 500 indigenous nations living here. Referring to all indigenous North Americans as "Indians" further stripped each Native American nation of its identity, where each native civilization in North America had its own unique name, culture and language.

For example, I am not "Indian." I am Mi'kmaq, with my own world view and language that is different than other Native American nations on Turtle Island. My ancestors lived on Turtle Island for thousands of years before Columbus arrived. Therefore, I refuse to celebrate Columbus Day because it would mean celebrating the abuse and annihilation of the indigenous peoples of North America.

So why does the U.S. choose to celebrate a myth? Is it the same way the U.S. refused to sign the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples? This declaration is supposed to protect indigenous peoples worldwide from future invasions, exploitation, assimilation and racism. This declaration came about as a way to restore much of what was taken from indigenous civilizations during invasions and colonization.

I suggest we rename Columbus Day as "Native American Day." After all, Columbus went around renaming indigenous peoples and their homelands. It would be fair to rename Columbus Day as Native American Day. Then we could still enjoy a long weekend and celebrate the survival of the many indigenous peoples and cultures that still live on Turtle Island, contributing a wealth of diversity on this continent. Let's stop living a myth and start moving into reality.

Virginia Sand is a senior Native American studies student.



Daniel Bowman

Nader: mucking up elections, bumming out Dems since 1996

Ralph Nader, former Green Party and now Independent candidate, managed to jam his green thumb onto the ballot for the fourth time in a row.

On early vote day last week, I was eager to exercise the power invested in me by the Founding Fathers: my power to vote. I'm happy that after 18 years, my opinion finally matters to the government, but as I was filling out my ballot, something seemed amiss.

Between the two candidates who have been squawking about each other for the past four months, there were two other sets of names, names that seemed to have tiptoed behind the warring Sens. McCain and Obama and giggled like schoolgirls as they scribbled their names on the ballot that would be distributed to the public in October and November. One of the sets of names was Nader/Gonzalez for the Independent Party. I don't quite remember the other set of running mates, but I'm sure they have a bet going with Nader about who would get a bigger fraction of the 1 percent of voters who are willing to throw away their ballots.

I was completely baffled at the prospect of waiting 18 years to vote, then giving my support to Nader and encouraging his juvenile behavior. Why do it? I decided to ask Nader's Web site.

It's amazing how similar presidential candidates Web sites are. If I didn't know better, I'd almost think that Nader had a shot. Tisk, tisk, Nader, making people believe that in voting for you, they have a chance to see you elected. It's false advertising.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Nader made perhaps one of the most daring moves in the campaign. Performing the self-styled "Nader Blitz," Nader visited 21 Massachusetts towns in 24 hours — break-

ing the record for the most campaign stops in one day. The Nader Blitz made it clear to me that Nader has no intent to be president at all; he just wanted a shot at the Guinness Book of World Records. Unfortunately, it took him 12 years and hundreds of wasted votes to do so. Maybe after this run Nader will be content with the chaos he has already caused.

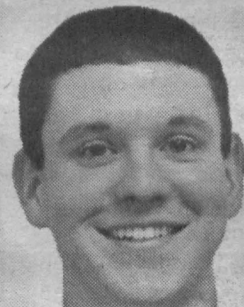
Some political pundits will go so far as to say that Nader was the cause of Gore's loss in 2000. I guess I'm thankful for this though. Al Gore would have had no time to invent global warming if he was all cooped up in the Oval Office. George Bush must love Ralph; he did after all help him get elected by leeching a significant number of Democratic votes.

I don't think I can rule out the possibility that Nader is a Republican agent and dear friend of both Bush and John McCain. He is paid by the Republican Party to run for president every four years just to give the Democratic candidates a little extra annoyance. God knows Ralph needs some money; his Web site revealed that he has more than four dozen active non-profit organizations, and non-profit doesn't mean non-funded.

If the above is true, voting for Nader is like giving half of a vote to McCain, meaning McCain secretly hearts Nader. McCain's not really in much of a position to pass up friends considering most of them seemed to have disappeared when the dinosaurs became extinct.

Don't throw your vote away. Maybe if Nader doesn't get on the next ballot, he'll try to best the records set by Evel Knievel, and I'd love to see Nader in a biker jacket.

Daniel Bowman is voting for Ralph Nader.



Derek Mitchell

Casino in Oxford County would bring jobs, tax revenue

Back in September, Maine Campus editor Nick McCrea wrote about the Oxford County resort casino initiative on November's ballot as Question 2.

Nick claimed that other forms of gaming already legal in Maine have done little to benefit the state. I disagree. Consider the state Lottery: Just last year, more than \$50 million was generated for state programs, and nearly a million more to benefit the Outdoor Heritage Fund. That's millions of dollars in tax revenue. If we didn't collect it from the lottery, guess where it would come from — your pockets and your paycheck. Oh, and tuition at the University of Maine would be higher, too.

McCrea said the lottery and scratch tickets appeal to poor people. He's exactly right, but that's why a casino is such a great idea — it appeals to rich folks from out of state.

Each year, Harrah's Entertainment, operators of major casinos around the country, commissions an independent study into American gambling called Profile of an American Gambler.

In 2006, the study found that the average casino gambler is more than 40 years old and makes above average income. In fact, the median household income of a casino gambler is \$8,000 higher than the national median. Casino gamblers are even slightly more likely to have some college education when compared to the nation overall.

Again, Harrah's did not create this study. It was conducted formally by TNS — the leading provider of insights into the behaviors of consumers.

So McCrea was sort of right. Those with the least financial ability to gamble are the first in line to do it, in convenience stores or anywhere else lottery tickets are sold. Casinos are destinations in themselves. People don't just spend money at the

casino; they enjoy luxurious hotel accommodations, dining and other amenities.

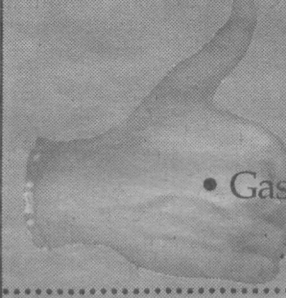
McCrea wrote later that other risks of casino gaming include a rise in crime. That's not true. Bangor Police Chief Ron Gastia recently found after studying crime in Bangor that there has been no increase in crime attributed to Hollywood Slots. Interestingly, the rate of crime around Orlando, Fla. and Disney World is five times higher than the rate of crime around Ledyard and Montville, Conn. — home of Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos, the largest casinos in the world. You are literally safer taking your grandma to play the slots at Foxwoods than you are taking your kid brother to see Mickey Mouse.

As for the jobs the Oxford resort casino will generate, there's no question they are good for Maine. A recent economic impact study released by Dr. Clyde Barrows of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, found that the resort will result in 907 jobs with a total payroll of \$32.5 million. That's an average annual wage of \$35,876 not including healthcare and other benefits. Better yet, unlike a ski resort or a summer park job, the Oxford Highlands will employ people year-round, full-time — not seasonally or part-time like other tourist destinations.

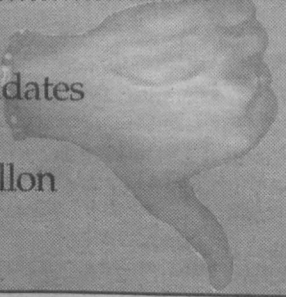
Maine needs jobs and the millions in new tax revenue the Oxford resort casino will generate. Many at UMaine are from Oxford County and realize the need better than anyone else. We can't afford to turn away jobs or wave away tax revenue. In November, vote yes on Question 2, for Maine.

Derek Mitchell is Field Coordinator for the Vote YES on 2 For Maine campaign.

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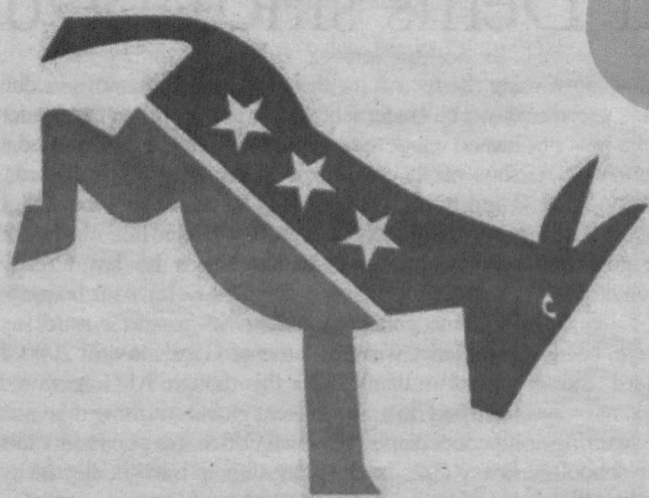


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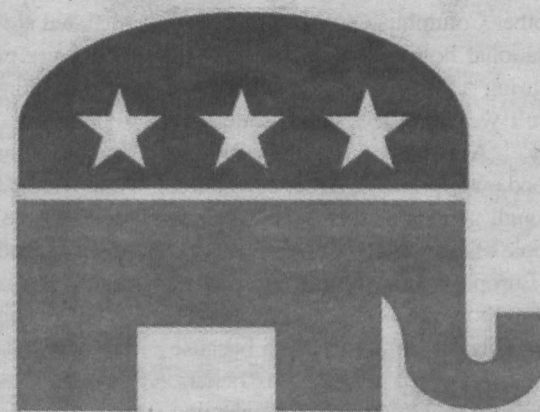
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music

& politics

By Mario Moretto | Opinion Editor



From Body Count's "Cop Killer" to Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," people from all sides of the political spectrum find groups or musicians that reinforce their beliefs, inspire them to take new ones, or just piss them off.

Why do so many musicians saturate their music with politics? Assistant Professor of Political Science Mark Brewer, who teaches a class called Music and Politics in the American Context, has a simple answer.

"I think it depends on how the individual feels most comfortable expressing their sentiments," Brewer said. "All of us, if we're interested in politics, tend to engage that interest in the way we feel most comfortable. Obviously for musicians, that means music."

Martin Chartrand, singer-songwriter from Brewer, Maine, said: "It's gratifying to me to say exactly how I feel in a song, to

have it transformed into something more than just talking."

Chartrand uses music as a tool to spread his message and express his reactions to the world around him. "I'm also an activist, because I wouldn't want to just do music — its effectiveness is limited if it's done in isolation. I wouldn't want to just be a musician and then live in society according to the status quo otherwise. I wouldn't be satisfied."

"Getting involved in politics, direct action, organizing and doing more clear educational activities are important, and music is one of the ways of doing this that I enjoy doing."

Politics have been a force in music for at least as long as national anthems have existed. Most Americans are likely to know the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner." They may also know "America, the Beautiful." Songs like these have the effect of instilling certain ideals of and patriotism for a nation. On the other side of the coin, most Americans have also probably heard the tune of "We Shall Overcome," an immensely popular protest song during the Civil Rights moment in our country.

Looking across the pond, who hasn't heard both the U.K. national anthem, "God Save the Queen," and the Sex Pistol's anti-monarchy punk-rock classic of the same name?

To the casual listener, it can easily seem like most modern political music expresses a political stance questioning or criticizing the status quo rather than expressing support for it.

According to Brewer, "If we look at different genres of music in the American context to see which is the most political, hip-hop is at the top of that list, and punk isn't far behind. I think the ideological question is an interesting one, in that certainly, hip-hop tends to be sort of 'left,' and I think you can say that for most but not all punk. However, I don't think the left has a monopoly on musical expression. If you want to find a more conservative viewpoint, you just have to look at country, although that's not all conservative; there's also populism there. You can also find a fair amount of conservative expression

within certain sections of heavy metal."

Both presidential candidates have utilized music during this campaign season, as well have their supporters. Barack Obama has used "Better Way" by Ben Harper and "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours" by Stevie Wonder. John McCain used "Take a Chance on Me" by Abba, and "Our Country" by John Melloncamp, although Melloncamp later asked him to stop using his song in the campaign. The candidates' choices are interesting, but this is by no means the first election year to utilize music.

"The most famous [campaign song usage] is Bill Clinton in 1992 using Fleetwood Mac's 'Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow.' That spoke to many Americans who were unhappy about the last few years," Brewer said. "An example from this campaign is McCain using 'Eye of the Tiger' by Survivor in the background. In his speeches he talks a lot about 'fighting to the end.' A lot of attention goes into that sort of thing. It serves an important, symbolic theme for candidates."

It's not just the songs candidates choose to use in their campaigns — many musicians have publicly expressed support for presidential candidates, or even written songs for candidates. Examples include a reggaeton song by Amigos de Obama and will.i.am's "Yes We Can" video, released in February, which created a tune entirely from an Obama speech and garnered an Emmy award and more than 20 million views on YouTube.

Musicians have gone so far as to perform at fundraisers for candidates. Grammy award-winning country artist Lee Greenwood sang in Bangor two weeks ago at Sarah Palin's rally. Bruce Springsteen hosted a free

three-day series of concerts in early October in support of Obama.

When asked which artists' music might have had the greatest influence on politics in America, Brewer said Woody Guthrie, the folk singer/songwriter who penned "This Land is Your Land," and performed with a guitar proclaiming "This Machine Kills Fascists" on a sticker.

"Woody Guthrie has got to top any sort of list like this. His political statements are still having a huge influence today, 70 years later.

Someone who modeled himself after Guthrie is Bob Dylan, who — at least before his

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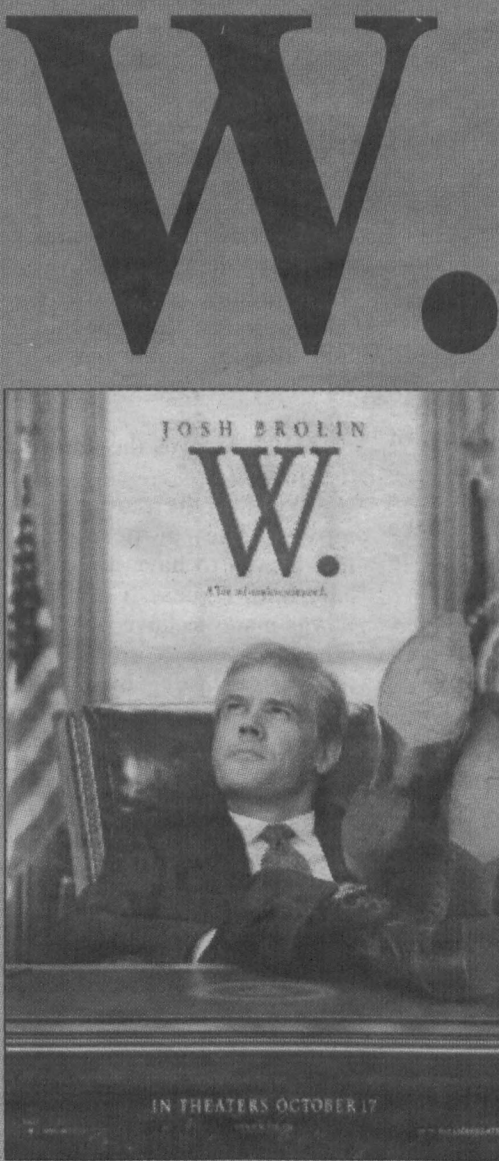


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Nick Wood vs. Travis Bourassa
Moderated by Zach Dionne

Oliver Stone's "W." — a George W. Bush biopic-satire, may be more controlled than controversial, but the potential for polarization remains. The Maine Campus held a debate between Nick Wood, a fiscally conservative 2008 political science graduate, and Travis Bourassa, a socially liberal senior broadcast student, to sort through the film's merits and missteps.

ZD: Josh Brolin certainly put a lot into embodying George Bush. Whether he was W. incarnate or a spoof, did you think this film painted a picture of someone ready to be president of the U.S.?

TB: No.

NW: I'd have to disagree and agree. No, because he has his faults, he was very — how should you say — unprofessional. They portrayed him as unprofessional. But who ... what is leadership? We could discuss this at length.

ZD: But to be arguably the most powerful person in the world, should it be this guy, in the eyes of the film?

TB: I'd say no. The big thing that I was excited for, Oliver Stone said that by watching the movie, if you like Bush you're going to love him, if you don't like him, you're going to hate him, because it's going to just push you in either direction. I really don't see how someone who likes him is going to see this and be like, "Oh, this guy's not a knucklehead." They take so many cheap shots.

NW: With someone that likes President Bush, such as myself, I went to the movie not loving Bush but definitely not hating him. And I left the movie not hating him and kind of like, "Well, it was an okay movie. It wasn't an accurate portrayal, but he's a pretty nice guy."

ZD: Nick, did you find yourself tuning in more to the sympathetic moments?

NW: I felt bad about the whole father-son thing. I could definitely sympathize with him.

ZD: Travis, did you find yourself tuning more in to the satirical aspects or the sympathetic moments, either way?

TB: The satirical moments; they gave me

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Crawford, Texas - idyllic before Bush

Documentary explores effect of 43rd president's move into rural community

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

As the media bombards Americans with its coverage of the upcoming election, the focus is turned entirely on the current nominees. Now for a blast from the past: Only eight years ago America elected who it thought would be capable of leading the nation. What many people don't realize is that before stepping foot in the White House, George W. Bush changed the little town of Crawford, Texas forever.

"Crawford," a recently released documentary directed by David Modigliani, spotlights the namesake Texas town and the events following Bush's arrival. With 705 residents in 2004, Crawford was hardly a landmark destination. The community is depicted as a classic small town where friendly faces gather around a hot cup of joe in the local diner. Everyone attends the high school football games to cheer on the Pirates and catches up at church the next day.

"Crawford" is the little independent film that could. After making its world

debut at Austin's South By Southwest Film Festival, "Crawford" affected viewers instantly. It recently received the Brooklyn Film Festival's Audience Award for Best Documentary. On Oct. 7, the film made its Internet debut on sites like Hulu and the Internet Movie Database.

The film portrays the residents of Crawford cherishing their strong sense of community before W. rolled into town. Soon after announcing his candidacy for president, the Bushes made Crawford their home, moving into a sprawling estate. It didn't take long for a media circus to set up its white tent in Crawford, manufacturing the heartfelt small town image that Bush was going for. Within a few years, the town was taken from anonymous to infamous without the say of its inhabitants.

Not long after the war in Iraq began, a young soldier lost his life. His mother, Cindy Sheehan, marched to Crawford with a band of supporters to face Bush head on and get answers. "Crawford" documents Sheehan's anger and despair toward the man who ignored her desper-

ate attempts for closure. Sheehan and her followers set up a peace camp in Crawford that sparked heated debate among its traditionally conservative citizens.

"The movie reveals a surprising dissonance in this red state that's rarely shown in the media. An elementary school teacher is shown struggling with adhering to the town's strict values while letting her students find their own voice. Poignant profiles like this make "Crawford" a cut above the average documentary.

From the domino table surrounded by good-humored senior citizens to the sidelines of a high school football game, "Crawford" presents its subjects candidly. The film's vivid characters range from inspiring to tragic along the journey.

It is predictable that a documentary surrounding one of the nation's most controversial presidents would be negative and partisan. "Crawford" escapes the pigeon-hole of Michael Moore-esque films. It simply offers an honest portrayal of the effect that our soon-to-be former president had on a small Texas community.

RE-ELECT ELIZABETH M. SCHEIDER TO THE MAINE SENATE



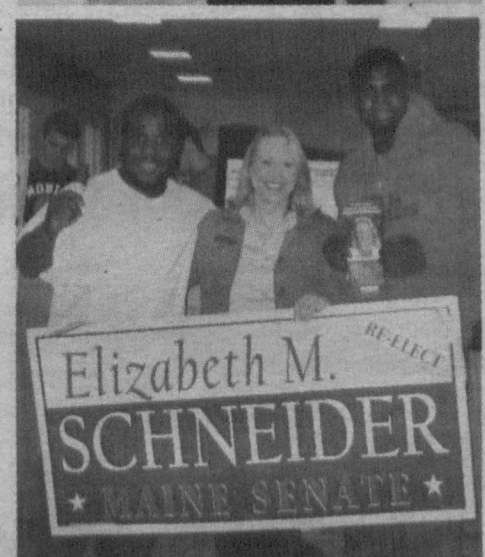
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Daley Dose of fashion

By Candace Daley
For The Maine Campus

Sarah Palin: Say what you will, the gal's got style

Being beautiful and knowing you are beautiful are two different things. Knowing you are beautiful evokes a different kind of confidence, one seen by an audience or anyone around you. That kind of confidence makes people notice you, respect you and follow you.

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin presents that kind of confidence. A lot of that confidence is in how she dresses. When Palin came to Bangor on Oct. 16 to speak in Hangar 11 to a room full of Carharts, work boots and hockey moms, she looked like a complete diva. Escorted by Sen. Olympia Snowe, Palin walked in wearing a fitted red pencil skirt suit, with a satin bow around her waist and stylish knee-high boots.

The media certainly seems to be focusing on the potential VP's wardrobe. According to NBC's "Today Show," the Republican National Committee has "apparently spent more than \$150,000 at luxury stores like Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue to dress Palin in designer suits."

Lesley Jane Seymour, editor-in-chief of *More* magazine, was quoted in an Associated Press story saying, "She presents herself as Josephine Six-Pack, and I'll tell you this, Josephine Six-Pack wouldn't spend \$150,000 on her wardrobe."

The article featured a hockey mom who said she spent her time wearing sweats, turtlenecks and boots, and that Palin's wardrobe cost was unreasonable and unrepresentative of how

hockey moms dress.

Still, being a prominent figure, appearance is a large factor.

"Sarah Palin's goal is to be the vice president of the United States, and that's a pretty damned big job. The better your image is, the better people will receive you," said Gretta Monahan, fashion advisor on "The Rachael Ray Show."

Reports say John McCain's campaign has said the pricey clothes will go to a "charitable purpose" after the election.

Though it is very important for a woman of Palin's prominence to present herself as a successful representative, is it necessary for the Republican Party to spend that kind of money on her wardrobe, especially with the state of our economy is now? Palin makes sure to be known as a "woman of the people," but would a woman of the people really spend that kind of money? She portrays herself as a hockey mom and someone who is laid back, but with her wardrobe, are people favoring her because of her appearance?

We all know attractive people are portrayed better in the media and receive more attention — is that how people are beginning to view Palin?



W.
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a good chuckle just like they gave me a good chuckle when I saw it on "The Daily Show." It was no different. There was no new joke. Again, they didn't offer any insight. The sympathetic moments, I did sympathize, but George Bush — it was the audience surrogate. You're supposed to feel bad for this guy no matter what. It's up to Oliver Stone to choose the parts of George Bush that he wants to portray. I feel like he should've had a bias if he wanted to make this movie. He should've had an opinion.

NW: I think that would've made the story more acceptable, shorter and yet more pinpoint to what we want to see.

TB: The sympathetic moments were easy and the satirical moments were just as easy. There was no insight, that's my biggest problem with the movie.

ZD: Okay, how about this. Travis is voting for Obama. Nick is voting for McCain. Do you think "W." being released now is fair? Do you think it's going to influence anybody?

NW: It shouldn't. It will, everything does.

TB: I don't think it's going to have much of an effect. People who read opinionated news read it to back up their own opinion. They don't read it to change their mind. Nobody's going to walk into that movie having their mind changed. People follow what they already believe in.

NW: Exactly. This movie is not something that's going to make you form an opinion on anything.

TB: Exactly. And that's what it should've been doing. That is absolutely what it should've been doing.

NW: It might make you form your opinion on Bush, but it definitely won't make you form an opinion on McCain.

ZD: What do you guys think this film's purpose is? Nick, you start.

NW: The Bush administration — eight years, so much talked about, so much going down, for lack of a better word. So much hate, so much animosity, so much joy, so much support. You see his polarization of the country — the most hated, the most loved president. The unifier during 9/11, then the destroyer of the economy, you know — it's ... people love him, people hate him, like the movie has said ... um, what was the question again?

ZD: What was the purpose of the movie?

NW: Oh, the purpose of the movie. The purpose of the movie was to have a movie. To entertain, I guess. I don't think it was made to have people hate him, I don't think it was made to have people love him — definitely not that. And by no means do I think it was made as a documentary. I think it will make people think — to ask questions. After watching it, I had questions.

ZD: What would you say the purpose is, Travis?

TB: Oliver Stone's a director that always tries to be really, really topical. He had the "World Trade Center" movie that came out a few years ago, that was just kind of a blip. And I think this movie's just going to end up being kind of a blip, too. It's during a presidential election, George Bush is going to be out of office in a couple of months, I think [Stone] just wants to be right on the ball and try to be like, "I'm the guy that really just painted that portrait." But...

NW: He completely missed it.

TB: I haven't heard anybody say that they really liked the movie.

NW: I came out feeling mediocre. I feel okay about it. It had good moments. I felt very neutral.

More of the discussion available online at mainecampus.com

Grades:
NW: B-
TB: C+
ZD: C

Music

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motorcycle accident — was incredibly political. In my class I ask students to choose the song they think is the most effective, and John Lennon comes up a lot for "Imagine."

Chartrand's political message in music is emblematic of how passionately musicians can fuse the two together. "The social and economic

order that has a lot of power in the world is very immoral and contradictory to freedom and to happiness. There's creativity and positive things in every person and every living thing, and we have power if we take advantage of that. If we have the will and initiative to use [that power], we can destroy the powerful order that we have and create something better," Chartrand said.

Music fans, patriots and anti-establishment champions

alike — whether they tear up with hand over heart when "The Star Spangled Banner" is sung before a baseball game, or pump fists in the air every time "Anarchy In The U.K." plays — are exposed to politics in the medium all the time, even if it isn't always clear. The message is often as potent as the notes carrying it: Music has been and will continue to be a meaningful vehicle for political expression for years to come.

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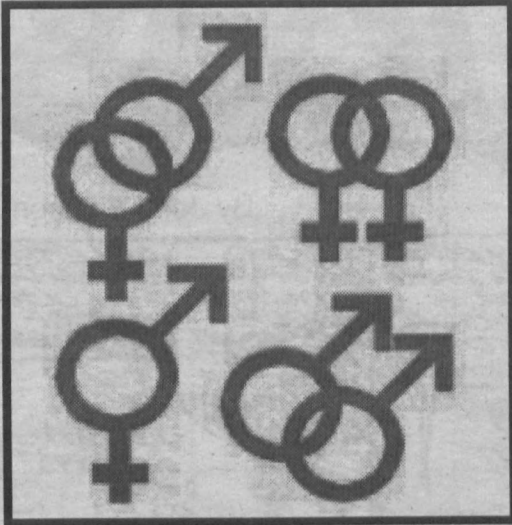
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We are proud of the GLBT community here at the University of Maine.

Coming Out Week 2008 Schedule

Sunday, October 26

Diversity Rocks Concert

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: North Pod of the Union

A prelude to the hanging of the flag, and a celebration of all diversity existing on the University of Maine's campus.

Monday, October 27

Raising the Pride Flag

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: on the mall

RRC Anniversary

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: RRC

The Rainbow Resource Center will be five years old! Ann Schonberger, the wife of late Howard Schonberger, to whom the RRC is dedicated to, will be attending.

Tuesday, October 28

Colonel Cammermeyer

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: DPC 100

Colonel Cammermeyer, 74, a lesbian who served in the military and was dishonorably discharged comes to share insight on the change of GLBT issues through the years, as well as her struggle of being gay and in the Army. We hope that this will inform and educate people on GLBT issues still today, and acknowledge the improvement of those issues.

Wednesday, October 29

Allies Gayme

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: North Pod of Union

A knock-off of the Newlyweds Game, to show the bond between Allies and GLBT students.

Thursday, October 30

Pumpkin Carving and decoration making.

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Place: Totman Room

To celebrate Halloween as a community and to make decorations for the COW dance.

Friday, October 31

Coming Out Week Dance (Late Night)

Time: 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Place: The Union (Main Dining Room)

A Halloween event where students are welcome to celebrate their being "out of the closet" and are invited to dress up in drag or costumes.

Saturday, November 1

Wilde-Stein hosts Karaoke at the Bear's Den

Time: 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Place: The Bear's Den

Adam Curtis
Adam Farkes
Alison Bromley
Alpha Phi
Amanda Ketchen
Amanda Mullen
Amanda Turcotte
Amanda Welch
Amy Blackstone
Andrea Ahearn
Andrea Gifford
Andrew S. Johnson
Angel Martínez
Loredo
Angela Richards
Anggie Farnsworth
Aodhan Abbott
Ashleigh Deschenes
Ashleigh Waugh
Ashley Brewer
Ashley Burns
Ashley McAllister
Audra Grady
Barb Blazej
Barbara Smith
Bethany Asquith
Bettina T. Voigt
Bonita Grindle
Brandi Rideout
Brittany Bean
Brittany Wallingford
Bud Walkup
Caitlyn Johnson
Carey Nason
Carrie Light
Charles Chapin
Charlie Slavin
Christina M. Soyden
Christopher Keene
Craig DeForest
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Danielle M. Steele
Danny Williams
David J. Fiacco
David Kujawa
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Diane Genthner
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Sue Estler
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Tara A. Loomis
Teresa Goldsmith
Thomas Horne
Toby Paradis
Todd Brelsford
Tori Tanenbaum
Whitney Jandreau
Wynne J. Guglielmo

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 to April 20

You may feel tempted to postpone a visit that you planned for today, but you run the risk of upsetting your loved one.

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

You will be concerned with finances and tend to neglect your sentimental life. Your loved one may remonstrate you for being careless.

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

It seems you are not in the mood to communicate, therefore you had better postpone business meetings. This is not a good time for making major professional decisions, for they may prove to be wrong.

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You have a good chance to succeed in domestic activities, provided you manage your time efficiently. You are advised to postpone making important business decisions.

Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your creativity will reach new heights. Use it for solving professional and business matters. Everything will go very well in your love life, provided you refrain from remonstrating your significant other with trifles.

Virgo

Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

This morning you will tend to have your head in the clouds. You are advised to remain cautious and avoid getting involved in challenging activities.

Libra

Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

You could face sentimental problems and might become irritable. Keep calm and don't rush to retort.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Unexpected events may occur, making you change your schedule completely. You may have to leave on a business trip on short notice. Your loved one will be upset by this change of schedule. With patience, you will be able to avoid a family conflict.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Financial difficulties might make you consider cancelling a trip for a family interest. This is a sensitive decision, and it may upset your loved one.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Before noon you could be upset because of a business partner's hasty decision regarding a major investment. Keep calm, or you'll only manage to make things worse.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 to Feb. 19

You have been making an effort to find new sources of income, and now you are feeling worn out. Be patient and avoid pushing things. A close friend will soon offer you a part-time job.

Pisces

Feb. 20 to March 19

This morning you will tend to have your head in the clouds and neglect major issues that you were supposed to deal with.

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DISTRACTIONS

The Cynic

By Jeff Swenson



Soap on a Rope

By Bob Roberts



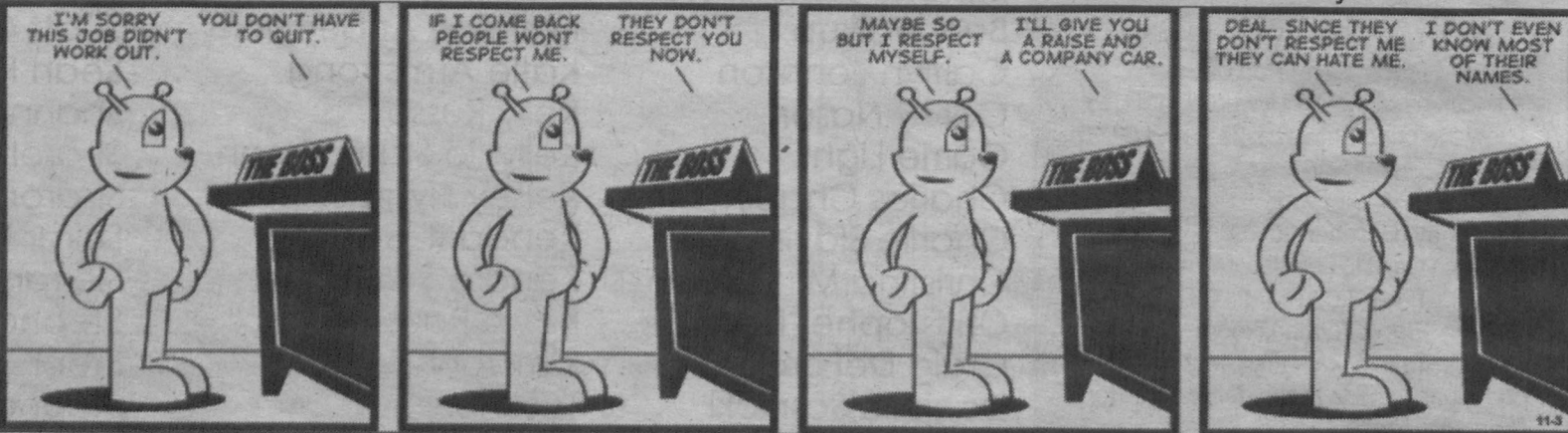
Last - Ditch Effort

By John Kroes



Boots and Pup

By John Y Jr.



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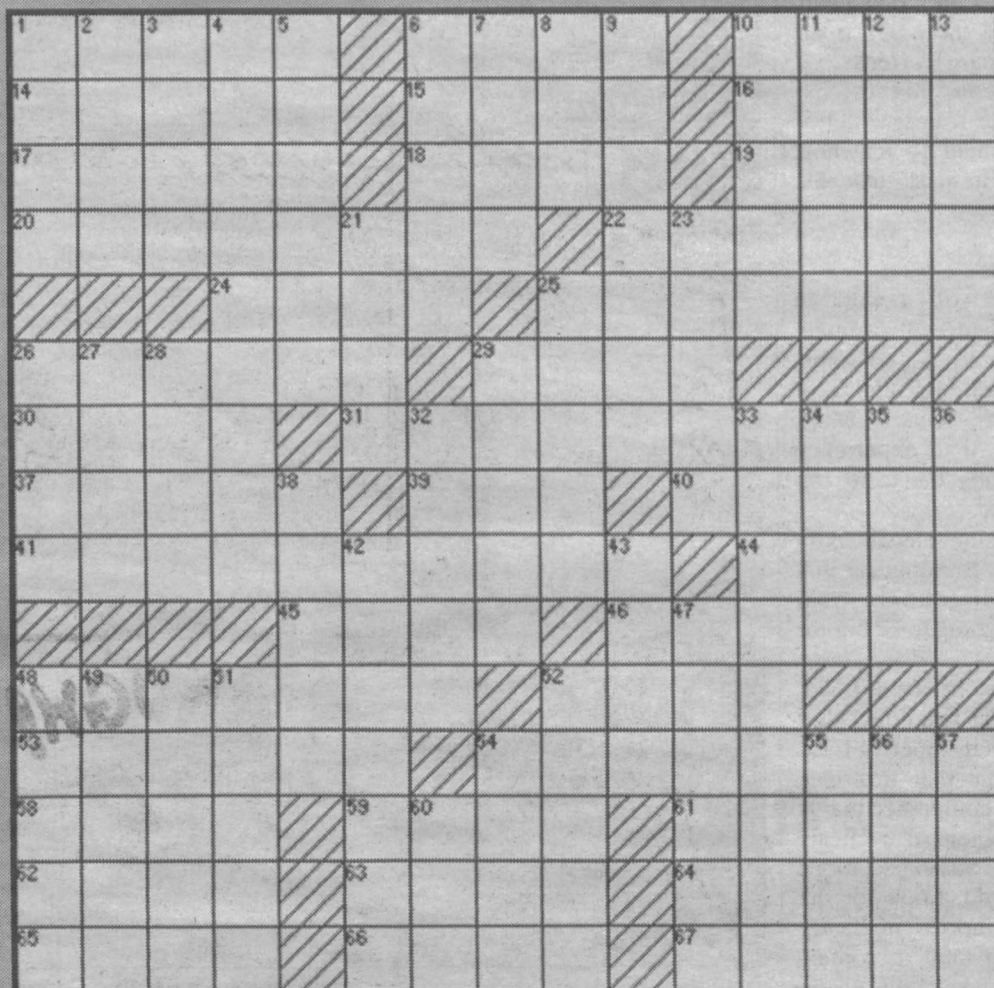
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ACROSS

1. Not second
6. Boat
10. Pimples
14. Muse of lyric poetry
15. Bucket
16. Midday
17. One who dines
18. Pearly-shelled mussel
19. Fortitude
20. Leering
22. If you would?
24. Select

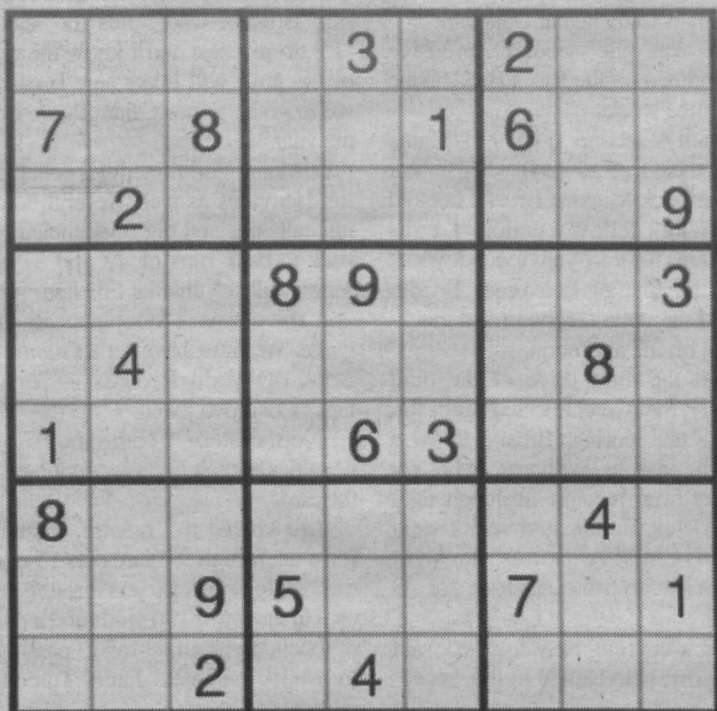
25. A certain grade school textbook
26. A woman with light-colored hair
29. Sharpen by rubbing
30. Cornice
31. Planning a time and place for events
37. Braid or plait
39. Gardening tool
40. Risk or danger
41. Feelings
44. Part of a chromosome
45. A soggy mass
46. Came up
48. Connoted

DOWN

1. Charges
2. Modern day Persia
3. Charge per unit
4. The severity of an incline
5. Fiery
6. Mettle
7. Execute using a gallows
8. Three in Roman numerals
9. Plunked
10. Celestial being
11. They form reefs
12. Dissonant sound
13. Go inside
21. Freezes
23. Ease
25. Luster
26. Wagers
27. Roman household god
28. Baking appliance
29. A cry of exultation
32. Infant
33. Make laws
34. Angers
35. Three times three
36. Singer _____ Campbell
38. Full of flavor
42. A workday
43. Toadfish
47. Take an exam again
48. A valley in France
49. Expert
50. Beg
51. Territories
52. Spring month
54. The immaterial part of a person
55. Psyches
56. A thin strip of wood
57. Collections
60. Mineral bearing rock
62. Monkeys
63. Dishes of tomatoes and greens
64. Without blemish
68. Not odd
69. A movable barrier
61. US symbol
62. Absorb written material
63. Wild African sheep
64. Ermine
65. Stops
66. Shout
67. Examinations

ANSWER KEY ON PAGE 17

SUDOKU PUZZLE



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Advice Girl

I have a problem. My roommate keeps borrowing stuff without asking. At first, it was just minor things like using some of my lotion or nail polish. Now it has gotten to the point where she is wearing my clothes and shoes! I want my stuff back! What is the best way to approach this?

You have no choice but to approach this maturely. Ask your roomie if she'll sit down and talk to you. Let her know that it bugs you that she takes your things without getting your permission. If you don't mind her

using your things if she asks, let her know — it will soften the blow, and she won't get all bent out of shape about it — not that she has any reason to, but you know how girls are. If you can't get her to stop after seriously discussing it, then you have a problem. If it gets to the point where you are having a definite issue, request a room change or tell her you are going to press charges if she snags your Converse again.

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Live music from Shadar Logoth, Feel It Robot, DJ Pres
Thursday, Oct. 30
9 p.m.
Keith Anderson Community Center, Orono
Free
21+ pre-party at Woodmans, 7-9 p.m.

Maine Animal Club's Haunted Hayride
Friday, Oct. 31
7-10 p.m.
Witter Farm, Orono
\$5 adults, \$4 with MaineCard or under age 12, free for children under 5

Fright at the Fort
Friday, Oct. 31
5:30-9 p.m.
Fort Knox, Prospect, Maine
\$5, \$7 advance tickets available w/ minimum of 3 tickets
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MUSIC

Java Jive: UMaine Jazz Combo
Tuesday, Oct. 28
8 p.m.
North dining room, Memorial Union
Free

Faculty trumpet/piano recital
Thursday, Oct. 30
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall
Free with MaineCard, \$6

Dropkick Murphys w/ The Mahones
Thursday, Nov. 6
7:30 p.m.
\$10 UMaine students
\$15 Maine college students
\$20 general public

FILM

"Anything But Silent"
Silent film series w/ live piano accompaniment
Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1 p.m.
Bangor Public Library
Free, donations accepted

Kickin' Flicks: "The Dark Knight"
Wednesday, Oct. 29
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
100 DPC
Friday, Oct. 31
7:30 and 10 p.m.
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
Free

GENERAL

Games Night: Sweet Tooth Bingo
Monday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
Marketplace dining room, Memorial Union
Free

Wildcat SLAP Discussion Series
Labor, The Election and the Economy
Tuesday, Oct. 28
4 p.m.
Bumps Room, Memorial Union
Free

Reader's Theatre Series
Wednesday, Oct. 29
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Hall
Free with MaineCard, \$6 public

Al Gore live at UMaine via webcast
8 p.m.
130 Little Hall
Free with free pizza at 7:30 p.m.

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Basketball moves
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Meanwhile, Socoby, the team's go-to-guy on offense will open up plenty of room for both Barnies and Bernal to operate as defenders will be forced to respect his deadly jump shot. He has worked on his jump shot in the off-season to make it "more automatic and second nature." The Houlton native tied an America East tournament record for three-point field goals in a game last season when he hit nine against Stony Brook.

Rounding out the starting five this year will likely be sophomore forward Sean McNally.

"McNary had a very good freshman season," said Woodward. "The last month of the season he really excelled averaging 10 points [and] seven rebounds in February, and I think that's just scratching the surface of what he can be."

McNally of Gardiner will have to deliver on some of that promise for the team to be successful this year. UMaine has a very shallow frontcourt that will be relieved by junior Jordan Cook at both the power forward and center positions but is very lacking for experience beyond that. Hampden's Cook is another Maine native on the squad, one of seven on the roster. With the thin front line, Woodward's recruiting class will be called upon for immediate help. *

New Faces

There are six incoming freshman on the roster this year, only one of them a forward—Svetoslav Chetinov from Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The physical forward who played last year at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield can also play center.

"He is an internationally experienced kid, all of six-foot-nine, all of 250 pounds and is a little bit of an older freshman. He has good solid toughness down low and I have a lot of expectations for him to be able to step right in and contribute physically."

"Building on that experience [and] learning from our mistakes is going to be big for us."

Mark Socoby
Junior guard
UMaine Men's Basketball

UMaine has had success with foreign big guys, most recently Olli Ahvenniemi in 2006.

Woodward is also very excited about the five guards he brought in for this year. A lot of them will push for playing time right away, and will allow the offense to have some different looks. Gerald Mclemore comes to UMaine from San Diego, California where he led his Division II team to a championship his senior year.

"He has a chance to be a tremendous four-year player in a Black Bear uniform," Woodward said. "He has a great skill set, good athleticism and a good presence of the game."

Andrew Rogers from Philadelphia gives the team a pure point guard, something that Woodward admits the program has been lacking for the past several years. His arrival would allow current point guard Bernal to move over to the other guard position, and let the Black Bears run a four-guard offense. If UMaine can run this offense effectively, other teams would be forced to go small to matchup, further helping to mask their thin front line.

Expectations

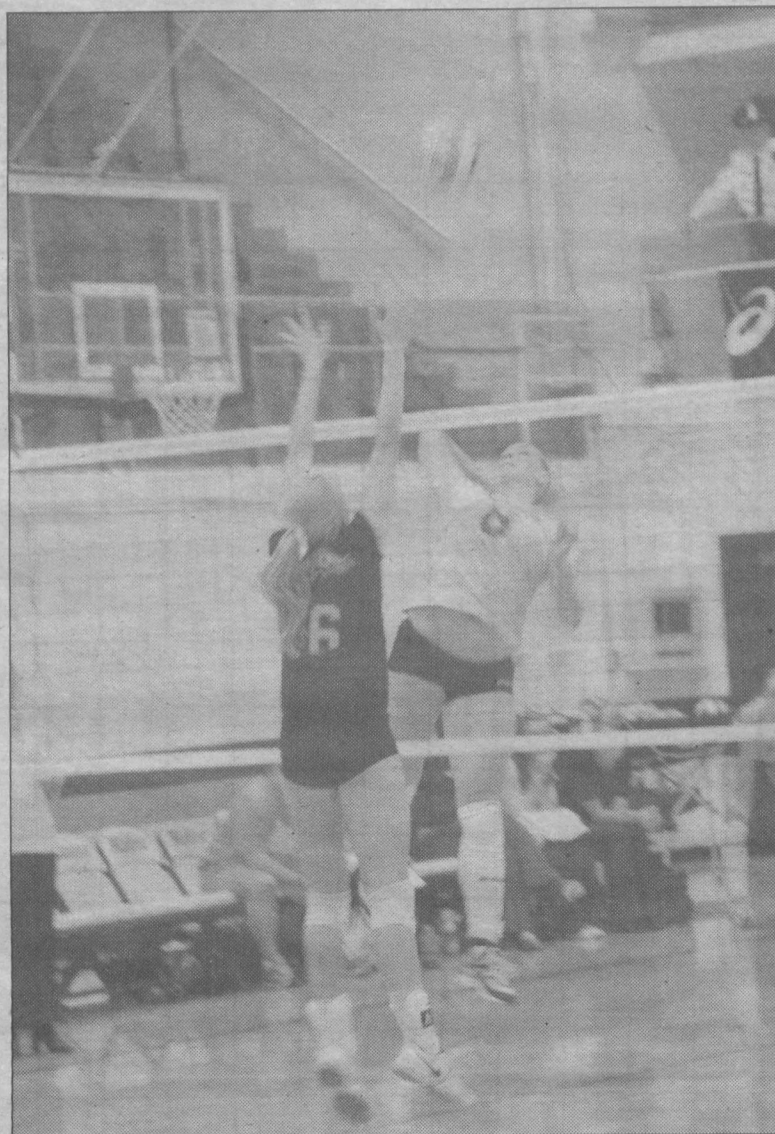
The team is still a work in progress, and there will certainly be more growing pains to come, but they went through plenty of them last year. Guard Mark Socoby hopes that experience will be something the team can draw on this year.

"You can't simulate an extra year," he said. "Building on that experience [and] learning from our mistakes is going to be big for us."

It will have to be if the Black Bears want to rise from the cellar to make a splash in America East. Woodward warns that this is a strong year in a conference that is prone to be "somewhat cyclical" in its strength, so expectations must be tempered. Look for the Black Bears to improve markedly to finish around .500 in conference play and make it out of the first round in the conference tournament.

Some will not pick UMaine to do big things this year because their youth creates such uncertainty. One thing is certain though, this team is going to be fun to watch.

Face-to-face



Seth Poplaski ♦ The Maine Campus

Amy Lawson attempts to spike the ball over a New Hampshire defender. Maine won the Dig Pink game 3-1.

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Orio pass and
outran the
Huskies to
score the first

"I kind of read the quarterback's eyes a little bit, and he made a mistake," said Masterson, who also had four tackles and three pass breakups. "I was able to make a play on the ball and actually catch it this time."

"It was a great play," Cosgrove added. "Very similar to the one [Sean] Wasson had at Delaware."

It was the second defensive touchdown for the Black Bears in the last three weeks.

In the second quarter, UMaine built their lead to 14-0 when junior quarterback Michael Brusko hooked up with fellow junior Landis Williams for a 14-yard touchdown. It was the first of two times Brusko found the wide receiver for a touchdown on the afternoon.

On the third drive of the third quarter, the two connected again finishing the scoring. Brusko threw a screen pass to Williams, who got blocks from redshirt freshman tight end Derek Buttles and senior right tackle Chris Armao as he went untouched into the endzone for 39 yards.

"It was pretty easy for me," said Williams, who hauled in four receptions for 82 yards. "Brusko got the ball to me quick. Derek Butties came out and made a great block on the corner and the tackle, Arnao, came out and made a block on the line-backer. I just ran straight."

Senior safety Lamir Whetstone contributed two interceptions, while senior Jonathan Calderon had the final interception on backup quarterback John Sperrazza's attempt.

"We definitely focused on turnovers every week in practice," Whetstone said. "This week we had a big emphasis on it because they're momentum changers."

Despite dominating defensively,

the Black Bears struggled with the kicking game.

Freshman Brian Harvey missed three field goals and was replaced by freshman Jordan Waxman. Waxman pulled an extra-point attempt wide after the third touchdown.

"They're young and inexperienced," Cosgrove noted. "When it gets in your head as a kicker, I've never been there, but I know there's a lot going on."

"I hope they keep their heads up," said Brusko, who holds the kicks. "I'll do my best and I know the rest of the guys will make sure because we're going to need them the rest of the year."

UMaine committed 11 penalties for 115 yards as well. Several holding calls negated big runs, including back-to-back runs of 42 and 37 by senior tailback Jhamal Fluellen.

"There was a sloppiness to the game. We must have set a Guinness Book of World Records in penalties," Cosgrove joked.

Northeastern committed 10 penalties of their own, accounting for 98 yards.

Brusko led the offense, rushing for a team-high 93 yards on 13 carries, while being efficient through the air. He threw for 136 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 10-for-13 passing. Redshirt freshman Jared Turcotte added 68 yards on 18 carries. Fluellen rushed for 46 yards on nine carries in his first action since being sidelined Sept. 20 with an injury.

Northeastern's offense was held in check all day. Senior running back Alex Broomfield, the third-leading rusher in the conference, rushed for only 39 yards. Orio, who only had two interceptions coming into the game, threw three against the Black Bears.

UMaine plays a non-conference home game next weekend when they host Iona. Kickoff is slated for noon at Alfond Stadium.

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defense that led to Northeastern's scoring chances. "We did not cover the weak side of the ice, did not cover the net front, and they capitalized on those chances," he said.

Sophomore forward Tanner House led the Black Bears' offense with four shots on goal.

In the second game, freshman goaltender Scott Darling got his first start in front of the home crowd. Darling shut out Alaska Fairbanks last weekend, winning his collegiate debut 2-0.

The Black Bears quickly forgot about their scoreless result the previous night, pressuring Thiessen early and often, leading the first period shot total 10-4.

Northeastern got into penalty trouble late in the period, highlighted by a five-on-three advantage for the Black Bears. UMaine took advantage of the situation as freshman forward Spencer Abbott scored his first collegiate goal with two minutes remaining in the period, picking up a rebound off a Josh Van Dyk slapshot and

Three Stars of the Weekend

★ 1st — Brad Thiessen, Jr., G
Northeastern netminder allowed one goal in 55 shots faced on the weekend. He recorded his school-record eighth career shutout in Friday's game.

★ 2nd — Rob Rassey, Sr., C
Two goals in as many nights for the Husky senior, including the tying goal midway through the third period in Saturday's game.

★ 3rd — Spencer Abbott, Fr., F
Scored first collegiate goal on a power play to give the Black Bears the lead in the first period of Saturday's game.

putting it in the left side of the goal.

Neither team could produce a goal in the second period, but UMaine continued to challenge Thiessen, at one point leading the shot total 14-4. Each team had a pair of power play opportunities in the period, but both goaltenders were up to the task.

Northeastern evened the game midway through the period when Darling attempted to clear the puck from the UMaine zone, but was intercepted along the boards by Huskies right wing Alex Tuckerman. Tuckerman found teammate Rob Rassey positioned at the left post and Rassey tipped in the pass for his second goal of the weekend.

"Unfortunately, I decided to throw it up the boards [and] the guy made a nice play off the glass. A guy open in front took the goal and went five hole," Darling commented.

With just under four minutes to go in the game, forward Ryan Ginand put Northeastern on top with his third goal of the season as he came from in back of the net and flicked a backhand between Darling and the near post.

Darling made 11 saves on 13 shots, picking up his first collegiate loss. Thiessen was solid in net once again for Northeastern, stopping 26 of 27 shots.

"You've got to give them credit," senior forward Chris Hahn said. "They hung around and got key goals, and we just didn't bury the puck both nights and that killed us."

The pair of losses drops the Black Bears to 1-3-0 and 0-2-0 in Hockey East.

"I think the important thing for us in game six of a long season is to recognize that there is a lot we can take from this game, a lot of positives and that's how we're going to look at it," Whitehead noted.

Northeastern improves to 5-0-1 on the season after a successful weekend and 4-0-0 in Hockey East.

"That was an ugly win, but it was a great win. Getting four points up in Orono — I don't care how young they are — is always a difficult challenge," Northeastern coach Greg Cronin said.

The Black Bears return to action in the second of three consecutive home weekends next Friday night at 7 p.m., hosting Niagara.

Hanging in there



Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Kelsey Wilson fights off a New Hampshire defender latched to her jersey and gains control of the ball in Friday's 1-0 win.

Turcotte

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university, but had to wait a year. Turcotte spent the 2007 season on the sidelines as a redshirt, only able to practice with the team.

"Nobody wants to come in and sit, but you realize how much that helps you once you start playing," Turcotte said. "If I would have played last year, I would have been lost on the field."

"You're not the biggest and fastest so you really got to work on technique in practice and use that in games on Saturday," Turcotte added, talking about the difference between high school and college.

Cosgrove believes he was ready to play last year talent-wise, but knee and shoulder issues stemming from high school made the UMaine staff cautious.

"We are fortunate that we were able to redshirt him," Cosgrove said. "That allowed Jared to spend a year in the weight room and really be ready to play football this year."

Bulking up nearly 20 pounds since he came to campus, Turcotte learned a new position as well. Playing the H-back position, a hybrid between a tight end and fullback, was different from the featured tailback spot he played in high school.

"I just wasn't used to blocking a lot," Turcotte said, describing his new role, "but once you realize that, it's a real necessity. I take a lot of pride in blocking like I did running the ball in high school."

Replacing Anthony Cotrone, who signed a contract with the

Jacksonville Jaguars, Turcotte expected to block for senior co-captain and all-conference tailback Jhamal Fluellen. Injuries forced Fluellen to miss time and in stepped another redshirt freshman, Derek Session. He has teamed up with Turcotte to make up a formidable duo — one UMaine fans should get used to seeing.

Throughout the first four games, Turcotte had one carry for two yards, but in the first game without Fluellen, he broke out. Against No. 1 James Madison, he carried the ball 12 times for 84 yards and introduced UMaine to something they hadn't seen in a while — a smashmouth runner.

"He pretty much bulls all the people over," Session said of his backfield mate. "It amps me up. You can see the excitement from the team on the sideline."

"He's going to beat you physically, and as a defensive person that's your mentality," senior linebacker Sean Wasson added.

In the games since James Madison, Turcotte (49 carries, 299 yards, two TD; 18 receptions, 197 yards, two TD) has been more of a focal point each week. In a recent contest against Hofstra, his physical prowess was on full display when he ran over the linebacker, broke another tackle and outran a defensive back for a 71-yard go-ahead touchdown.

Just eight games into his collegiate playing career, Turcotte has raised the bar to another level.

"Once you recognize he's willing to do the things necessary —

weight room-wise, meetings, learning the game and practicing the game — then really it becomes obvious that the sky could be the limit," Cosgrove said.

For now, Turcotte is trying to help his team climb the standings in the CAA and focus on being a student-athlete, something he owes to his mom, Nadine, and grandfather.

"My mom's a single mother,

and whenever she was at work we'd go to my grandfather's house," Turcotte said. "He's been the father figure in my life."

A professional career is something Turcotte would love to pursue after college, but if that doesn't work out, then he will chase his other ambition — becoming an athletic trainer or physical therapist.

Either way, his mother and grandfather will be proud.

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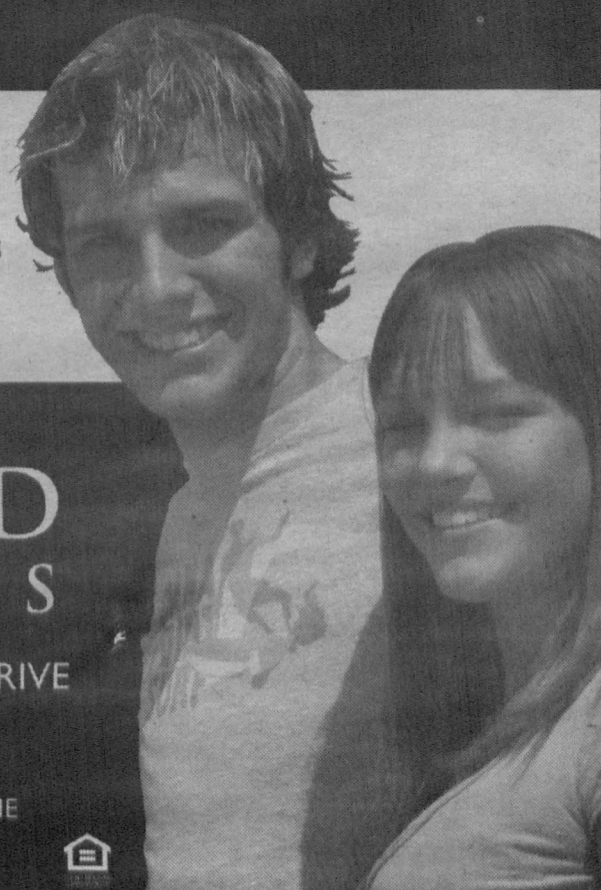
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Blodgett readies team UM Digs UNH

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

After an off season that lasted seven months, the University of Maine women's basketball team is back at it for the 2008-2009 season. The team kicked off their season on Sunday with their annual Blue/White game.

Last season was marked with many events, the biggest undoubtedly being the return of former star Cindy Blodgett to UMaine as the new head coach. Blodgett stepped in and took on a young team, with only one senior on the squad. After the Black Bears finished their season with a record of 7-23, the team is ready to come back this year and take a shot at the playoffs, and the America East Championship.

Although the team still has only one senior on the squad this year, four out of the five starters from last year have returned, which means the team has more experience coming into this year.

"I really think we have a good shot at the America East Championship. That's what we're going for. That's what we go for every year," starting junior guard Amanda Tewksbury said. "We also have a lot more experience this year. We feel more comfortable together."

Last year was a learning year for more than just the players. Blodgett was also in a learning process in her first year as the head coach of her alma mater. This year, she plans on having a better grasp on everything.

"Going through this for me the second time around makes me more comfortable. I kind of know now what works and

"I really think we have a good shot at the America East Championship."

Amanda Tewksbury
Junior Guard
UMaine Women's Basketball

what doesn't work," she said.

Along with six players returning from last year, the squad also added four freshmen, increasing their roster from eight players last year to ten this year. Regardless of the inexperience of the freshmen at the college level, Tewksbury said the players have learned quickly and she anticipates that they will be an asset to the team when conference play starts.

"The freshmen that we have are learning and getting

better every day," Tewksbury said. "Over time, they are going to keep improving."

Blodgett also has a positive outlook on the four incoming freshmen on her team.

"They are going to increase out speed and depth. Most importantly, they understand where our program is. If they perform, they'll play right away."

Blodgett and the UMaine women's basketball team anticipates a great upcoming season and wants to see students out at the game cheering the team on.

"We work so hard every day to get out and play these games. Anytime we see students out there, we get excited, so it helps us when people come out to cheer us on," Tewksbury said.

According to Blodgett, lack of student interest has been a problem since she played for UMaine, and she does not want to see that arise again this year. She hopes that each game will bring in a core group of enthusiastic UMaine students.

"If you are a student at the University of Maine and haven't been to a game, check it out," Blodgett said.

The women's basketball team plays their first exhibition game at home against New Brunswick on Sunday, Nov. 2 at noon.

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's volleyball team continues to have success this year as they improved their record to 10-10 on the season and 3-3 in conference play after defeating New Hampshire Friday night in four sets (25-27, 25-16, 25-14, 25-18). The team has now won six more games than last season. With the win, the Black Bears sit in 4th place in America East Conference.

Lindsay Allman, senior hitter from St. Louis, Mo., led the Black Bears with 18 kills, 12 digs and served five aces in the winning effort. Ashlee Wright, senior libero from Muncie, Ind., led the Black Bears with 14 digs. Two Ontario natives also contributed as senior hitter Laura Goettsch added 13 kills and seven digs. Senior setter Jessica Wolfenden helped set up the attacks with 38 assists. Amy Lawson, senior hitter from Coeur D'Alene, Id., stopped the New Hampshire attacks by leading UMaine with seven blocks.

After starting off with an early lead in the first set, the Black Bears faltered and ended up dropping it. They came back stronger in the last three sets and finished off the Wildcats.

"Volleyball is all about momentum," Goettsch said. "Once the first

game was done, we knew what we had to do — keep control and keep our mind set as if it was the conference championship match."

Along with winning the match, the team also raised more than \$1,000 for breast cancer research, and they dubbed this game "Dig Pink." The Black Bears left their normal home jerseys aside and wore pink jerseys in order to help raise breast cancer awareness. Fans were also encouraged to dress in pink, and many of them did. It was undoubtedly the biggest turnout this year at home for the Black Bears.

"Dig Pink was a huge success. I think we reached our fundraising goal of \$1,500."

Jessica Wolfenden
Senior Setter
UMaine Women's Volleyball

"Dig Pink was a huge success. I think we reached our fundraising goal of \$1,500, which is a great contribution we are really proud of," Wolfenden said.

"The crowd we had last night was amazing. It definitely gives us that extra little edge when we hear a big crowd supporting us."

The Black Bears will play at home again this Friday, Oct. 31, in Memorial Gym, when they host the University of Maryland Baltimore County at 7 p.m. The last time the Black Bears met UMBC, they dropped a hard-fought, five-set game.

"The great fans have a huge impact on how we play. The louder it is, the more exciting and competitive it gets," Goettsch said, encouraging fans to turn out for the key AE matchup on Friday.

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Turcotte drives UM UMaine optimistic

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Stephen Cooper, Mike DeVito and Matt King all starred for the University of Maine football team. Cooper and King were both All-Americans, while DeVito was an All-Conference pick. All three have gone on to play professionally. Besides their impressive football resumes, all three also hold something else in common — they red-shirted their first year.

Following in their footsteps this season is redshirt freshman Jared Turcotte. The six-foot-two, 232-pound H-back could be confused for a defensive lineman or linebacker with his size and physical play on the field, but he has already begun to carve out a name for himself with his offensive exploits. The Lewiston native has been named the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Rookie of the Week twice this season.

"He's a big physical kid," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "He doesn't give himself enough credit for his speed because there aren't a lot of guys catching him."

Not many guys have touched Turcotte since he began playing football. He started playing at the age of six and went on to star at Lewiston High School. He piled up accolades along the way, garnering the James J. Fitzpatrick Trophy, awarded to the top Maine high school senior football player. When he left Lewiston High, he had racked up 4,562 career rushing yards and recorded 554 tackles.

Turcotte was recruited by a number of schools, including UMaine, Bucknell and other Ivy and Patriot League schools. Cosgrove began recruiting him in 2005 and

recounted how Turcotte grew as a player during his senior season.

"I saw him play one year [2006] dominating on offense almost to the point where he was resting on defense. Then that very same year in a playoff game, I thought he was the best defensive player on the field as well as offensive. As the season went on, he became a complete football player," said Cosgrove, who believes he could have recruited Turcotte as a linebacker.

At Lewiston, he was not only a star on the football field, but was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Mayoral Citation of Excellence, given each month to a Lewiston student for their accomplishments on and off the field.



Jared Turcotte

"He's just a special, special kid in regards to the gifts he has physically," noted Cosgrove. "He's very, very talented mentally — classroom-wise and football-wise. He has a great gift to learn."

In high school, Turcotte also had a rare opportunity to work in a mortuary. For his health science class, he worked under the guidance of a funeral director to earn credit in the class.

"It was a good experience, but kind of weird," chuckled Turcotte.

Excelling both on and off the field, the number one thing Cosgrove and his staff had to sell to Turcotte was the education in Orono.

"School's always been important to me and my mom really instilled upon me that education is the most important thing," said Turcotte, an exercise science student.

When Turcotte accepted his full scholarship to head two hours north up I-95, he envisioned starring for his home state's

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By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

The 2007-2008 season had a lot more valleys than it did peaks for the University of Maine men's basketball team. Last year, a very young team suffered through injuries and the pitfalls of inexperience to finish 7-23 overall and 3-13 in America East. With that said, don't expect a repeat this year as UMaine returns four starters from last season. Coach Ted Woodward still has the youngest team in the conference, but with another year under their belts and the addition of a solid recruiting class, his Black Bears appear ready to make some noise.

Who's back?

Juniors Marc Socoby (3rd-team AE in

2007-2008) and Junior Bernal, and senior Kaimondre Owes — the team's three leading scorers from last year are all back. The only starter lost to graduation was big man Brian Andre, the team's leading rebounder from a year ago, which may actually work to the team's advantage.

Woodward hopes that a smaller team will allow Bernal to excel both on and off the ball.

"One of the strengths of our team last year was our size, and as a result of that the lane got clogged up a little bit. But when things are a little more open, you'll really be able to see him find his way," he said.

Another player who will find his way in a more up-tempo offense will be sophomore forward Troy Barnies. The former Edward Little standout and Mr. Basketball

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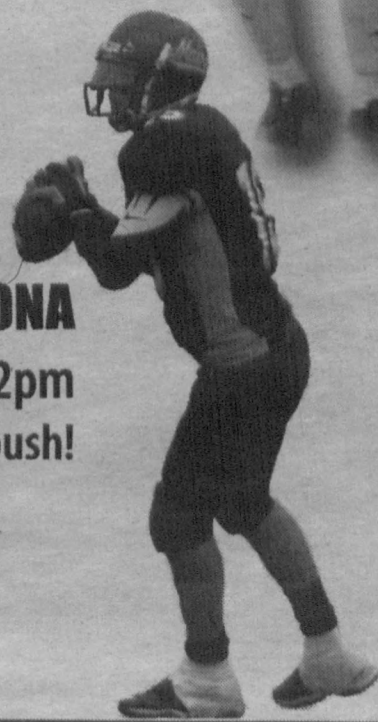
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Northeastern spoils UMaine Homecoming

Bears drop two in first home weekend series, Abbott scores lone UM goal on weekend

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Writer

The return to home ice was not favorable for the University of Maine men's ice hockey team on Homecoming weekend.

The Black Bears dropped back-to-back games to visiting Northeastern University in the first weekend series of the season at Alfond Arena, in a 5-0 shutout Friday night and a 2-1 come-from-behind win for the Huskies on Saturday.

Northeastern entered the weekend ranked 11th in the USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine poll released on Oct. 20, coming off a win against defending National Champion Boston College.

The Huskies' momentum carried into Friday's game with five different Huskies contributing to the scoring. The Black Bears could not solve goaltender Brad Thiessen, with the reigning Hockey East Player of the Week earning his second shutout in four games.

The Huskies struck first, three and a half minutes into the first period as defenseman Mike Hewkin took a pass from Wade Macleod at the top of the right face-off circle; he fired a hard wrist shot that UMaine junior goaltender Dave Wilson lost sight of, off the stick.

Northeastern attacked again

three minutes later when Wilson was left vulnerable on a rebound dropped in front of a vacant left side of the net. Northeastern left wing Chris Donovan flicked it in for his second goal of the season.

The Huskies rally concluded 7:56 into the period, as their forwards found the UMaine defensemen out of position in the slot.

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Right wing Steve Quailer fed center Rob Rassey to Wilson's left, and Rassey sent home a shot just below the crossbar.

The Huskies got into penalty trouble in the second, committing six infractions. UMaine had quality power play scoring opportunities, mainly during two minutes of a five-on-three advantage, but could not capitalize as

Northeastern killed all seven power plays in the game.

"That was an opportunity for us to gain some momentum, but we didn't capitalize on their penalties," said UMaine coach Tim Whitehead.

Northeastern extended the lead to a comfortable 4-0 eleven minutes into the second period on an Alex Tuckerman shot from the right face-off circle that beat Wilson to his stick side.

The Huskies added one more for good measure midway through the third when defenseman David Strathman set up between the circles for a pass from teammate Joe Vitale and sent a shot through the defense that found an opening over Wilson's left shoulder.

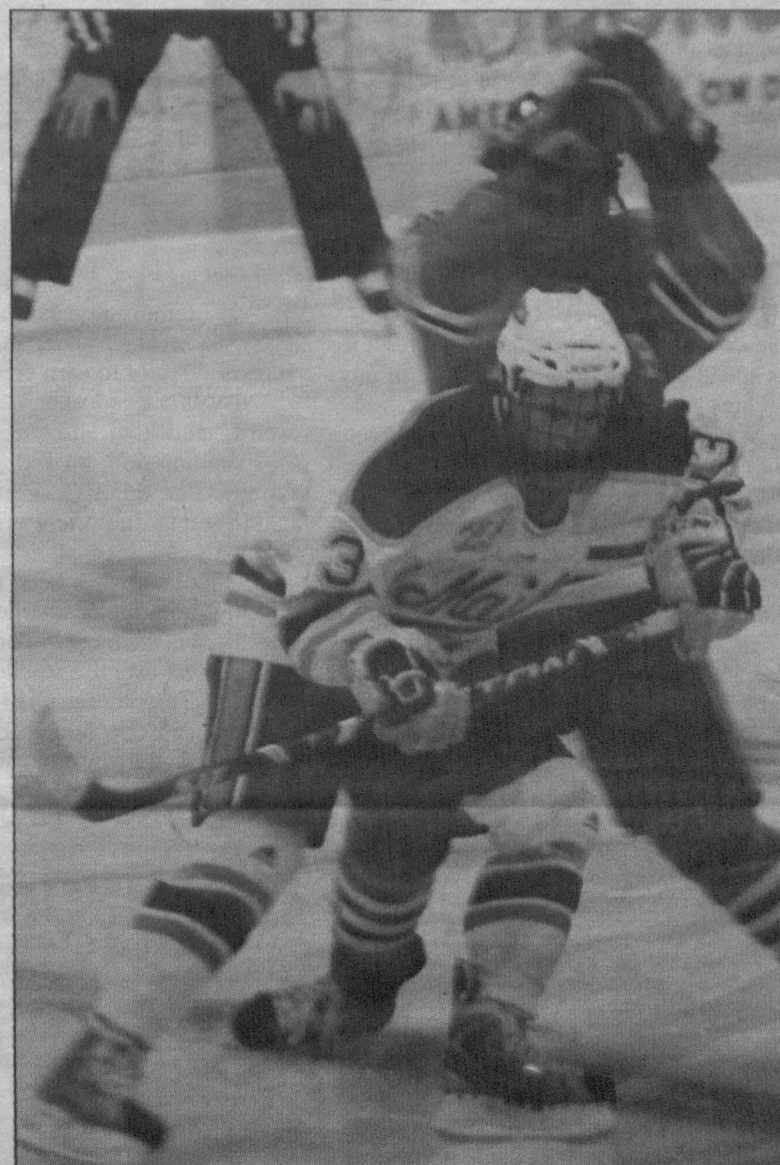
UMaine led the shot total 29-26 for the game, but had difficulty creating challenging situations for Thiessen.

"We didn't get enough pucks into the crease area, and Thiessen being such a strong goalie, we didn't get enough traffic in front of him," Whitehead said.

Thiessen was honored as the first star of the game for his efforts, stopping all 29 shots he faced. The shutout was the eighth of Thiessen's career, which surpasses the Northeastern record of seven held by former Husky Keni Gibson.

UMaine coach Whitehead was disappointed with lapses in

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Amy Brooks ♦ The Maine Campus

Spencer Abbott fights off a Northeastern player.

Masterson, Black Hole 'D' shut out division rival

Four interceptions spark Black Bears, Williams hauls in two TDs in win over Huskies



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Mark Masterson runs out of the reach of Northeastern to turn his interception into the game's first touchdown.

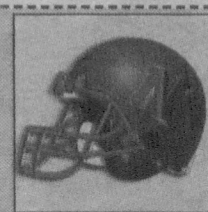
By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

One month ago, the University of Maine football team hit rock bottom. They had just lost to No. 1 James Madison in a hard-fought contest and sat 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

Things have changed since then and on Homecoming weekend, the Black Bears kept the momentum going against rival Northeastern University.



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Junior linebacker Mark Masterson returned an interception 79 yards for a touchdown, one of four Black Bear interceptions, as UMaine won its third straight game, shutting out the Huskies 20-0 Saturday afternoon at Alfond Stadium.

Coach Jack Cosgrove's squad improves to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the conference. Northeastern falls to 2-6 overall and 1-3 in the CAA.

"I thought we were a much better team than they were," said Cosgrove, whose team has now won four straight over Northeastern.

With the game scoreless in the first quarter, the Black Bears defense had pushed Northeastern back to their own 6-yard line, facing a third-and-24. Senior quarterback Anthony Orio found classmate

Chris Plum on a 56-yard completion to convert the third down. Northeastern continued to drive down into UMaine territory and was poised to score until Masterson shifted the momentum. He stepped in front of an

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